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U.S. Department of Transportation
Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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SUBJECT: CITY OF NAMPA'S VULNERABLE USER IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY (VIS) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SAFE STREETS FOR ALL DEMONSTRATION GRANT

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Nampa seeks Safe Streets for All Demonstration Project funding for our proposed Vulnerable User Identification and Safety (VIS) Demonstration Project. The Nampa community has been experiencing many road safety incidents and near misses between vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bicyclists) and vehicles along the 12th Avenue corridor. The vehicle-centric state route is 5 lanes with long distance (almost half a mile) between signalized intersections and High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacons. The surrounding community is fast growing with mixed-use developments, low-income housing, community services, schools, and public spaces along this corridor. Drivers along the corridor disregard pedestrian presence creating safety issues at the crossing points.

This project intends to implement integrated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies that enhance multimodal safety and mobility as well as ensure equitable access for vehicular and active transportation users alike to the numerous schools, businesses, and recreational areas along the corridor. The project seeks to improve active mode visibility at signalized crossings, reduce near-miss and vehicle-to-vehicle collisions, implement multimodal detection technology and advanced timing strategies to improve intersection safety and efficiency, identify hot spots and prioritize safety improvements, provide transparency to the public on safety metrics and build the public's trust for future investments.

Full support and commitment for the project was authorized City of Nampa City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting, which took place on July 5, 2023. The city commits to administering the project, with responsibilities to be shared amongst the Public Works, Finance, and Public Safety Departments.

The city also commits to equitable outreach and involvement of technical experts, stakeholders, and the vulnerable transportation facility users who this project seeks to better protect.

The project seeks to:

- Improve active mode visibility at signalized crossings
- Reduce near-miss and vehicle-to-vehicle collisions
- Implement multimodal detection technology and advanced timing strategies to improve intersection safety and efficiency
- Identify hot spots and prioritize safety improvements
- Provide transparency to the public on safety metrics and build the public's trust for future investments

This project would be an advanced and innovative solution in the City of Nampa. Providing safety improvements to the critical 12th Ave/SH-45 corridor and its many users. Your consideration of the City's VIS Demonstration Project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mayor Debbie Kling
City of Nampa