



EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dr. Travis Hux
Incoming Superintendent

June 28, 2021

Mayor Sharon Powell
201 E Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Re: U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Discretionary Grant Opportunity

Dear Mayor Powell,

I am writing this letter to express support to the City of Excelsior Springs for its continued efforts to secure funding for the community (specifically the areas around schools). More specifically, I am supportive of the City's application within the U.S. Department of Transportation, for a RAISE discretionary grant.

It is my understanding that the RAISE discretionary grant opportunity is in the amount of approximately \$20M for road improvements on the west side of the community. For the stakeholders of both the Excelsior Springs School District and City, this funding would result in the infrastructure improvements of creating safe pedestrian pathways for children to travel within the community. Safe pedestrian pathways is a great incentive for promoting walking and bicycling to school, which not only improves safety, but also leads to increased physical activity for students.

Moreover, while the Excelsior Springs School District has developed a comprehensive transportation plan for all students and is committed to transporting those students, increased safe pedestrian pathways could positively impact the sustainability of the transportation program as well as improve climate conditions in our community through potentially reduced transportation needs.

Sincerely,

Travis T. Hux, Ed.D.