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March 8, 2022

The Honorable Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg
US Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT - RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Get Fit Kauai strongly supports the County of Kauai's RAISE application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. In partnership with the County, Get Fit Kauai sponsored the community design charrette in 2013 that resulted in this project. The charrette was inclusive in its outreach, including a special focus group with the Native Hawaiian community. It's remarkable to see how well the concept design that was developed during the charrette reflects the community's vision, and how little the design has changed since then. As the County has been working diligently through the engineering and environmental permitting process, now is the time to carry the project through to construction.

Get Fit Kauai has a long and successful history of collaborating with the County to achieve a transportation system and built environment that promotes public and individual health in the broadest sense: incorporating physical activity into daily life, alleviating economic stress on low-income populations by reducing personal transportation costs, and contributing to a healthier environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This project achieves all of these things.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that will contribute to equity and environmental sustainability, as well as to the health, safety, and vitality of our island's residents.

Sincerely,

Bev Brody
Get Fit Kauai – Director
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