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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,

The Koloa Community Association represents residents of Koloa and Poipu and provides input on plans and projects that impact our community. We strongly support the County of Kauai's RAISE application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project.

Members of the Koloa Community Association participated in the in-depth Poipu Road Design Charrette in 2013. Since then, we were actively involved in the South Kauai Community Plan, and more recently, the Koloa Community Association hosted a meeting to review the conceptual engineering plans for this project. The County has been inclusive in its outreach efforts throughout the project's planning process.

This project will have many benefits for our residents. It will make it safer to walk, bike, drive, or take transit in Koloa and Poipu. This is especially important for students and after school sports programs who wish to walk or bike to Koloa School and Anne Knudsen Park, and residents who are unable to drive. For residents who work in the visitor industry in Koloa and Poipu, it will make it easier for them to get to and from work without the use of a car. This project will also support our economy, which was devastated by COVID-19, and will be a catalyst to provide more workforce housing, which is in extremely short supply. In addition to improvements for local residents, as a World Class visitor destination and economic driver for our County of Kaua'i, access to walking, biking, and transit for visitors will reduce the negative impacts of tourism on our island.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for the safety, health, and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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