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Mayor Joe Shegog, Jr.

July 8, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590 0001

**RE: FY2021 DOT: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)  
Application: Quitman County, Mississippi**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Marks Board of Aldermen, I am submitting this letter of support for the Quitman County's RAISE application for the improvements to the infrastructure to Riverside Road. Approximately, 1 miles of this road is located within the city limits of Marks.

Riverside Road is a major thoroughfare connecting the cities of Marks and Lambert. For most of the 5.3 miles, the Coldwater River runs parallel and adjacent on the east side of Riverside Road. This road is subject to annual spring floods. In preparation to prevent flooding, over the years, the city and county have worked together to build levees and invested in pumps, but these efforts have not solved this problem. The proposed improvements; include improving the existing drainage structures and the subgrade will be raised approximately 3 feet and a clay gravel base paved with 3 inches of Hot Mix Asphalt for the surface.

Improvements to Riverside Road will have regional economic implications for growth and tourism. Additionally, the safety benefits to the improved infrastructure of this road could serve as an alternative evacuation route for residents in Marks living on the east side of the Canadian National Railway tracks in the event of a train derailment.

I, along with the Board of Aldermen, hope the committee give every consideration to funding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Shegog Jr.".

Joe Shegog, Jr.  
Mayor