

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, often referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The undersigned organizations believe

Requiring states to publicize this information will not only aid in transparency and accountability, but it will also allow applicants to understand the concerns with their project, and how they can fix it.

5. Share best practices, including aligning with the [Harvard School of Public Health research](#)¹ on getting federal funds to vulnerable populations as part of project selection. The BIL includes a requirement for states to prioritize projects based on their location and impact in high-need areas, and allows states to define high need based on their state.

The FHWA should also offer processes as to how to define the impact on high need communities. Finally, the FHWA should prepare a future research project to test how these projects impact communities after they are built. The results will help the FHWA and states update their processes for stronger results.

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The BIL makes changes to the HSIP, which have the potential to help slow the rise of traffic fatalities. Specifically, the *Vulnerable Road User Safety Special Rule* requires that in states where vulnerable road users

