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Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation write in support of the grant application submitted by the City of Albuquerque (CABQ) for their FY 2023 National Infrastructure Investments application as funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This grant, DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE, will support transit connection and urban development.

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico with a population of roughly 564,000. In the greater Albuquerque metro, the population is just over 900,000.

If awarded, CABQ will begin the development of the Uptown Connect project in the Uptown Transit Center (UTC).<sup>1</sup> Two phases will connect mass transit and allow patrons to connect to the local attractions. Phase one will build the Park & Ride site which consists of a seven-story comprised of multi-family units, commercial and restaurant space, a Nusenda Credit Union Branch, and a multi-purpose transit plaza for busses. The second phase will develop the old Park & Ride site to include multi-family units and additional commercial and restaurant space. UTC is located near several shopping centers and would connect patrons to the CABQ Park & Ride

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.google.com/maps/place/U.T.C.+Bay+D+@+Americas+Parkway/@35.1024627,-106.5722175,18z/data=!4m15!1m8!3m7!1s0x87220ad19ff88627:0x75085631b2db8cc1!2sUptown+Blvd+NE,+Albuquerque,+NM+87110!3b1!8m2!3d35.1038518!4d-106.5734325!16s%2Fg%2F1ts1n2!0!3m5!1s0x87220ad02fe75e69:0xdb68799c2506637b!8m2!3d35.1029514!4d-106.571218!16s%2Fg%2F12hkg9!7d>

programs, especially during seasonal events.<sup>2</sup>

Members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation proudly support the application submitted by CABQ regarding their FY 2023 National Infrastructure Investments application as funded by DOT and we request that you give their application thorough consideration within your agency's guidelines.

Sincerely,

/s/ Martin Heinrich  
United States Senator

/s/ Melanie Stansbury  
United States Representative

/s/ Ben Ray Luján  
United States Senator

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cabq.gov/transit/routes-and-schedules/park-ride>