



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CITY OF CHICAGO

August 3, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to submit this letter to demonstrate our commitment to matching funds for the Illinois International Port - Calumet River Bridges Project. This project is estimated to cost \$288,000,000, out of which the City of Chicago is requesting \$144,000,000 from the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This project is supported by numerous agencies and organizations, and the City of Chicago is fully committed to its construction.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the City of Chicago's commitment to funding the remainder of the project costs through local funding and/or other sources upon award of the BIP funding. In addition, the City is committed to continued proactive maintenance of the bridges after major rehabilitation is complete. Also, as a sign of our commitment to this project and its alignment with BIP goals, the Chicago Department of Transportation is completing the preliminary and design engineering with non-federal funding.

The significant benefits of the Illinois International Port - Calumet River Bridges Project are consistent with the Biden Administration's goals and objectives and will ensure these critical components of the surface transportation network, the Illinois International Port, and the Illinois Waterway continue to benefit the community, region, and nation.

We are appreciative of your consideration of our request and your ongoing support for our efforts to bring safe and accessible transportation opportunities and economic vitality to our city through infrastructure investments.

Sincerely,

Gia Biagi  
Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Transportation