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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is pleased to support the Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Bridge Investment Program application for major bridge rehabilitations over the Calumet River. This project supports the region's critical freight infrastructure through the rehabilitation of the Ewing Avenue, 95<sup>th</sup> Street, 100<sup>th</sup> Street, and 106<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges over the Calumet River on Chicago's South Side.

As the comprehensive regional planning organization of northeastern Illinois, CMAP is committed to supporting strategic investments that will advance equity, improve safety, and maintain the region's status as North America's freight hub. This project would improve the flow of freight at the Illinois International Port District's Iroquois Landing, which serves as an essential supply chain link for the national, state, and regional freight transportation systems. These bridge rehabilitations will also support critical connections between Chicago's South Side and the region, specifically the South Chicago and East Side neighborhoods, two of the region's highest-need communities.

Once again, CMAP strongly supports CDOT's Bridge Investment Program application for bridge rehabilitations over the Calumet River. Supporting the rehabilitation of these bridges will lead to a greater movement of freight through the country's freight hub, enhance supply chain resilience, and provide safer mobility options for residents along Chicago's Calumet Area.

Sincerely,

Erin Aleman  
Executive Director

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