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The Honorable Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg
US Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT - RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I – Kaumualii Chapter No. 3, which provides stewardship over Prince Kūhiō Park and Kamalo'ula Cultural Preserve in Po'ipū, Kauai, I strongly support the County of Kauai's RAISE application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. This project has been a long time in the making, and the County has collaborated on the design with property and business owners and a broad diversity of local residents from the beginning.

Kōloa-Po'ipū is a significantly important historical area with many wahi pana, or special places, one of which we have spent much of our organization's time caring for over the past 90 years. During COVID-19, the economy was brought to a standstill, severely impacting the lives of Kaua'i and Hawai'i residents. This project will not only provide an improved transportation network for local residents and visitors alike, it will likely provide a boost for the local economy by improving access to our community's businesses and services.

Our organization helps to foster our history as a Hawaiian people and help educate our community on the importance of taking care of our land, our sea and each other. All of our projects naturally address equity and environmental sustainability. We work closely with programs at the government level to do this work.

This is a great example of government and the private sector working together to improve the safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for all who visit or live on Kaua'i.

Sincerely,

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