



# Appendix G

# Letters of Support

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June 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Chicago's application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding for the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project. This project will turn a wide corridor with excess vehicular capacity into a safer, slower, more welcoming environment for all modes of travel.

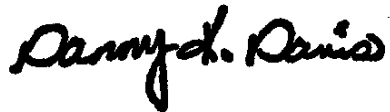
The North Lawndale community was identified as a High Crash Area through the City of Chicago's original Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan. In the more recent Vision Zero West Side Plan, community members identified Ogden Avenue as a focus corridor for improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements project implements many of the strategies developed in the action plan to dramatically reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Preliminary safety improvements have been identified based on previous community input, crash analysis, and initial feasibility studies. Ongoing community involvement continues to inform the designs for this project as they are refined and finalized. Frontage roads along Ogden Avenue will be reconfigured to limit or close access at intersections, and one travel lane in each direction will be eliminated. These measures will reduce conflict points, shorten crossing distances, and slow traffic while creating space for new separate bicycle facilities. Additional improvements such as pedestrian refuge medians, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and signal improvements will further increase safety for all roadway users.

Beyond its safety benefits, this project will re-activate the neighborhood core of a community designated as a Historically Disadvantaged and an Area of Persistent Poverty. Ogden Avenue serves as a critical connector for residents to access transit and major commercial areas, schools, hospitals, and parks. North Lawndale is a priority area for the City's INVEST South/West initiative, which aims to reduce decades of disinvestment. The safety improvements proposed for Ogden Avenue will contribute to the overall INVEST South/West goals of improving quality of life, increasing access to employment opportunities, and boosting economic development initiatives.

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June 29, 2023

I thank you for your careful review of this application and ask you to provide Safe Streets and Roads for All funding for the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project.

Sincerely,

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Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress  
7<sup>th</sup> District, IL

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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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June 30, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is pleased to support the City of Chicago's application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding for the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project. This project will turn a wide corridor with excess vehicular capacity into a safer, slower, more welcoming environment for all modes of travel.

As the comprehensive regional planning organization of northeastern Illinois, CMAP is committed to supporting strategies that will advance equity, strengthen transportation safety, and promote investment in disinvested communities. The North Lawndale community was identified as a High Crash Area through the City's original Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan. In the more recent Vision Zero West Side Plan, community members identified Ogden Avenue as a focus corridor for improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Frontage roads along Ogden Avenue will be reconfigured to limit or close access at intersections, and one travel lane in each direction will be eliminated. These measures will reduce conflict points, shorten crossing distances, and reduce vehicle speeds while creating space for new separated bicycle facilities. Additional improvements such as pedestrian refuge medians, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and signal improvements will further increase safety for all roadway users. Ongoing community input will inform designs as they are finalized.

Once again, CMAP is supportive of the City of Chicago's Safe Streets and Roads for All application for the Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project. CMAP shares the City's commitment to promoting safety across all modes of travel.

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The Hon. Pete Buttigieg

June 30, 2023

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Sincerely,

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Erin Aleman  
Executive Director

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1304

June 30, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to support the City of Chicago's application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding for the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project. This funding will enable the City of Chicago to make this corridor a safer and more welcoming environment for all modes of travel.

The North Lawndale community, recognized as a High Crash Area in the Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan, will benefit from the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements project. This project aligns with the Vision Zero West Side Plan, focusing on enhanced pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along Ogden Avenue to reduce fatalities and injuries. Preliminary safety improvements have been identified through community input, crash analysis, and feasibility studies. These include reconfiguring frontage roads, eliminating travel lanes, and implementing safety measures such as pedestrian refuge medians, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and signal improvements. These changes will reduce conflict points, shorten crossing distances, and slow down traffic while creating dedicated space for separate bicycle facilities.

Additionally, this project has the potential to revitalize the neighborhood of North Lawndale, an area designated as Historically Disadvantaged and an Area of Persistent Poverty. Ogden Avenue is vital for residents to access transit, major commercial areas, schools, hospitals, and parks. The North Lawndale community is a priority area within the City's INVEST South/West initiative, which aims to address disinvestment over the past several decades. By improving safety conditions along Ogden Avenue, this project will contribute to the overarching goals of the INVEST South/West initiative, including enhancing the quality of life, increasing access to employment opportunities, and stimulating economic development.

Please give full and fair consideration to the City of Chicago's application. If you require additional information, please contact my State Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



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June 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Re: Letter of support for the City of Chicago's application for SS4A for Ogden Avenue Corridor

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Re: Letter of support for the City of Chicago's application for SS4A for Ogden Avenue Corridor

Through our most recent 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, Connecting Cook County, Cook County Department of Transportation set policy principles to steer the selection, scoping, and implementation of projects. We are pleased to see the City of Chicago working to advance a project that is in direct alignment and will implement many of our principles such as prioritizing transit and other transportation alternatives through the re-envisioning of Ogden Avenue to rebalance the use of the right of way and create a safe street for all uses, especially those vulnerable users walking or biking. The project also is in direct alignment with our principle to promote equal access to opportunities through investing in a Historically Disadvantaged neighborhood. Lastly, this project will maintain and modernize what already exists, look to make better use of an existing commercial corridor and be the catalyst for future economic activity.

We thank you for your careful review of this application and urge you to provide Safe Streets and Roads for All funding for the INVEST South/West North Lawndale: Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer "Sis" Killen, P.E., PTOE  
Superintendent  
Department of Transportation and Highways  
Cook County, Illinois