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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: US Department of Transportation RAISE Grant Program
Borough of Carteret, NJ Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of NJ TRANSIT, I am pleased to write this letter supporting the application of the Borough of Carteret, New Jersey (the Borough) to the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program.

The proposed intermodal transportation project will serve as an anchor point for three forms of public surface transportation into and out of the Borough and into New York City, New York (NYC) via a new ferry service. It will reduce carbon emissions, mitigate traffic congestion on nearby Interstate 95/NJ Turnpike, and increase public transit options for commuters in one of the most densely populated parts of the country. NJ TRANSIT has committed a non-federal match of \$1,037,000.00 to the project.

As you know, NJ TRANSIT is New Jersey's public transportation corporation. Its mission is to move New Jersey and the region by providing safe, reliable, and affordable public transportation that connects people to their everyday lives, one trip at a time. NJ TRANSIT is the nation's third-largest (and the largest statewide) provider of bus, rail, light rail, and paratransit service, linking major points in the States of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The corporation operates an active fleet of 2,221 buses, 1,231 trains, and 93 light rail vehicles along 253 bus routes and 12 rail lines statewide, providing nearly 270 million passenger trips each year.

The construction of the Borough of Carteret, New Jersey's intermodal transportation project, and the implementation of a new ferry service to and from NYC will enhance the public transportation opportunities for a critical region of New Jersey.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application and favorable review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. S. Corbett', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin S. Corbett
President & CEO