



APPENDIX C

Letter of Endorsement



September 26, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is pleased to support the City of Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) application for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funding for the Interstate 290 Land Cap Project at Independence Boulevard.

The purpose of this letter is, as the Facility Owner, to acknowledge an understanding that this project will involve construction on a facility under IDOT jurisdiction. IDOT and CDOT are working closely on this project and will continue to do so to deliver this project in a timely manner. If awarded RCN program funds, IDOT agrees to act as the recipient and complete construction.

The significant benefits of the I-290 Land Cap Project at Independence Boulevard are consistent with the Biden Administration's priorities, including the DOT Strategic Plan goals of Safety, Economic Strength, Equity, Climate and Sustainability, and Transformation. We are appreciative of your consideration of our request and your ongoing support of our efforts to improve community safety, cohesion, and quality of life for our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Osman, Omer".

Omer Osman
Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Carney".

Thomas Carney
Commissioner
Chicago Department of Transportation