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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application led by SEDA-COG for the United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All program (SS4A). I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

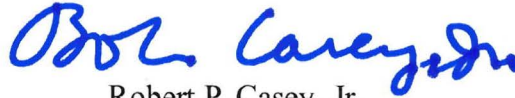
I am informed that SEDA-COG, leading a collaborative partnership among all levels of government, the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization and local stakeholders, seeks the grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the GoShamokin! Revitalization Plan for the City of Shamokin in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. This project seeks to create a Comprehensive Safe Streets Action Plan, an initiative that would identify action steps needed to upgrade the city with a focus on improving connectivity, ADA accessibility, integrating new technologies, addressing safety, and enhancing bike/pedestrian elements within a Complete Streets framework.

SEDA-COG states that these initiatives will support the influx of tourists, attract new business and create safer livability for the 6,941 citizens of Shamokin – 52.14% of which are low-/moderate-income. I further understand that Shamokin adopted an Environmental Resiliency Plan in 2021, which has led to an emphasis on supporting transportation strategies that minimize impacts to the natural and social environments.

I further understand that from 2016-2020 there were 162 reported vehicular crashes in Shamokin, which caused 94 injuries, of which two were fatal. The Shamokin Police have also noted the high volume of dangerous or high-risk activities, including near-miss incidents, risky driver behavior and walking/biking at night in unlit areas. This project will help to protect and save the lives of Pennsylvanians and visitors to the area.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Casey Jr." in a cursive style.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator