



**NATIONAL
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PENTAGON CITY

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POTOMAC YARD

September 1, 2022

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

Re: 2022 Bridge Investment Program Application for the I-395 Northbound Bridge

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business community, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) expresses its support for the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) application for a 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant to advance rehabilitation of the I-395 Northbound Bridge carrying traffic between Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The I-395 Northbound Bridge is a critical regional mobility asset linking Maryland and the District of Columbia to Northern Virginia and specifically National Landing as a growing urban center in Arlington County. The facility served an average of 93,100 vehicles per day in 2007. Recent inspection reports show several bridge elements with significant deterioration. The main bascule span (non-functional) has received a condition rating of 5 out of 9 (fair) that could advance to "poor" in the next three years. Additionally, the existing steel barriers are considered structurally deficient with areas of 100% section loss. To protect the traveling public, the Department had to place temporary barriers on the bridge which eliminated the roadway shoulders.

The project will extend the service life of the bridge by at least 50-years reducing maintenance cost and impacts to the community. To replace the bascule span, DDOT intends to use innovative accelerated bridge construction (ABC) techniques to fabricate a new bridge span off-site and quickly lift the span segment(s) into place. Additionally, the existing traffic barriers will be replaced with crash tested parapets that meet current AASHTO criteria to improve safety on the bridge.

Please accept this letter of recommendation as an indication of the National Landing BID's support for DDOT's application for funding. Rehabilitating the I-395 Northbound Bridge will improve safety of travelers across the Potomac River, maintain reliably connectivity across an important regional mobility asset, and aligns with the Biden Administration's stated goals for improving the State of Good Repair of infrastructure in the United States. The National Landing BID encourages the US Department of Transportation to approve DDOT's application.

Thank you for your consideration and support for delivering safe, multimodal transportation infrastructure across the region and the nation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Tracy@nationallanding.org.

Sincerely,

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