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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) supports an FY22 application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Railroad Crossing Elimination Program for the Vaughan Road grade separation in Ashland, Virginia. The proposed grade separation will improve the safety of the traveling public and the safe and efficient movement of freight on both rail and road networks by eliminating collisions between vehicular and train traffic.

CVTA is further demonstrating its support for these grade crossing improvements by committing \$4,662,000 of CVTA regional funds toward the 20 percent local match for the grant, the remaining local match to be provided by the Town of Ashland, Hanover County, CSX, and by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).

We urge you to fund this important improvement that will improve safety and network fluidity within our region.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Carroll
Chair, Central Virginia Transportation Authority