

**LORI TRAHAN**  
3RD DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
AND COMMERCE

CO-CHAIR, DEMOCRATIC  
POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

DEMOCRATIC STEERING AND  
POLICY COMMITTEE

SENIOR WHIP



United States  
House of Representatives

126 JOHN STREET, SUITE 12  
LOWELL, MA 01852  
(978) 459-0101

2439 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-3411

TRAHAN.HOUSE.GOV

June 10, 2024

Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Fitchburg Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's SS4A Grant Program**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Fitchburg's application to the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program. The SS4A Program has the potential to improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians in Fitchburg. As their federal representative, I ask that the City of Fitchburg's application be given all due consideration.

When I voted in favor of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I did so because it was about more than just filling potholes and patching sewer pipes; it represented an unprecedented investment in the safety and wellbeing of our communities. Through the SS4A Program, DOT has created the funding mechanism necessary to execute this legislative agenda on the local level. Without the funding to conduct studies and analyze the results, it is difficult, particularly for smaller, more disadvantaged communities, to identify infrastructure problems and solutions. The Planning and Demonstration Grants offered through this program will put the necessary federal funding in the hands of the City of Fitchburg to support the development of a city-wide Action Plan. This means that local leaders will finally have the tools they need to identify the most impactful projects which will improve the safety of our communities. The impact of these tangible improvements cannot be overstated. If awarded, this grant funding will prevent pedestrian and motorist injuries and save lives in the Third Congressional District.

Perhaps the most exciting part about the SS4A Program model is that once the City of Fitchburg is able to put this initial funding towards their Action Plan, they will have the opportunity to apply for an Implementation Grant to complete the projects identified in their plan. Without this planning grant, Fitchburg will be unable to unlock the implementation funding they need to ensure the safety of its residents, whom I have the honor to represent. As such, I respectfully request that the City of Fitchburg's application to the SS4A Program receive full and fair DOT consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Maria Symiotis, my District Director, at (978) 459-0101 with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan  
Member of Congress (MA-03)