

**CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO
RESOLUTION NO. 2406**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ITD'S FY 2025 REBUILDING AMERICAN
INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) PROGRAM ROUND
TWO (2) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY 75 IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**


WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue, Idaho ("City"), is a duly organized municipal corporation under the law of the State of Idaho, pursuant to § 50-101; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to show support for proposed improvements to Highway 75 through Bellevue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho, as follows:

The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho Authorizes the Mayor to Execute a Letter of support for ITD's Fiscal Year 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program Round Two (2) grant application for the State Highway 75 Improvement Project

PASSED by the Bellevue Common Council and signed by the Mayor this 27th day of JANUARY, 2025.


Christina Giordani, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Phelps, City Clerk





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ITD FY25 RAISE GRANT – SH-75 Bellevue to Broadway Run

Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for ITD's FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program grant application for the SH-75 Bellevue to Broadway Run Improvement Project

Dear Secretary:

I am writing in support of the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) fiscal year (FY) 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program Round 2 grant application for the State Highway 75 Improvement Project. The requested RAISE grant funding will deliver critical improvements to a rural corridor that is vital to Idaho's tourism industry. The project will greatly improve traffic conditions and multimodal access starting in the town of Bellevue and extending just south of Ketchum, Idaho. This area's natural amenities, including Sun Valley Resort, have made it a world-renowned outdoor adventure destination and a key economic driver for the State of Idaho. SH-75 offers access to the area for both visitors and workers, and the corridor cannot currently accommodate peak-hour travel demand. As such, these improvements are vital to the continued economic vitality of both the region and State.

A RAISE grant award would provide the needed funding for ITD to complete construction of the proposed improvements, which include widening segments of the existing highway, improving several intersections, and adding multimodal infrastructure to improve conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. In addition to alleviating existing and future congestion, it will improve safety conditions by adding shoulders, dedicated turn lanes, and safer bicycle and pedestrian crossings. Not only will the project reduce congestion for commuters and visitors, it will also make existing bus transit and rideshare programs more efficient as well. Lastly, it will improve direct access and connectivity to Friedman Memorial Airport, which connects the region to the world via three major airlines. The project aligns with the stated goals of the RAISE program to improve safety, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, and economic competitiveness.

This area has been a famous destination and economic generator since the 1930s, and this project will ensure that the region will continue to thrive long into the future. I hope that you will fund this essential rural highway and multimodal improvement project. Thank you for your continued support of transportation infrastructure in Idaho.

Sincerely,

Christina Giordani, Mayor
City of Bellevue