



Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

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

May 3, 2022

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Sincerely,

Steven M. Briggs

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LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation, I am writing to support the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in their Port Infrastructure Development Grant application. The city intends to use the grant funds for the Sault Ste. Marie Carbide Dock Port and Easterday Avenue Intermodal Connectivity Project.

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Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this grant application request. If you or a representative have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or Aaron Johnson, P.E., Superior Region Engineer, at 906-250-5442 or JohnsonA25@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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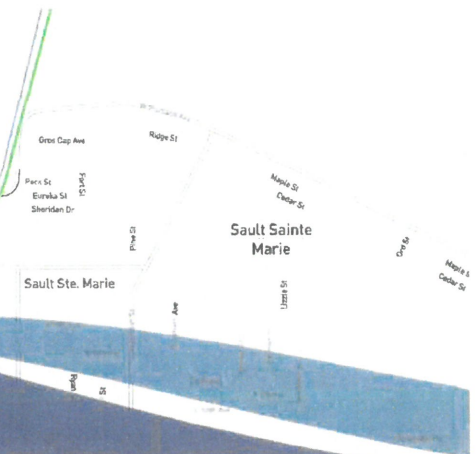
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