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To Whom It May Concern:

The Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) strongly supports the Municipality of Anchorage's application to the FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for safety enhancements along Northern Lights Boulevard between Lake Otis Parkway and Patterson Street.

This corridor is one of the most heavily used transit corridors in the People Mover system. Thousands of riders travel through this section of Northern Lights each month, including commuters, students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Yet the current conditions around many stops create safety challenges for passengers accessing transit.

The proposed project directly addresses these issues by improving the safety of the co-located pedestrian signal and transit stop near Nichols Street, adding new mid-block pedestrian crossings at transit stops, and providing a continuous multi-use path connection that increases accessibility to transit along the corridor. These elements will make it significantly safer and easier for riders to reach their bus stops and complete their trips.

PTAB strongly encourages USDOT to support this grant request to improve transit safety, accessibility, and reliability for Anchorage residents who depend on this corridor every day.

Sincerely,

Chair, Public Transit Advisory Board