

# Cranberry Township Emergency Medical Service

## Station 51

April 30, 2024

Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Gateway 228 – Mars RR Bridge Extension Project  
Butler County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of Cranberry Township Emergency Medical Service (CTEMS) to express our strong support for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and the associated funding request through the United States Department of Transportation's FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) program.

As an independent, professionally staffed nonprofit organization, CTEMS is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical care and transport services to the communities of Cranberry Township, Seven Fields, and parts of New Sewickley. We pride ourselves on being available to "answer the call" 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year, ensuring that our community members receive prompt and effective medical assistance in times of need.

The completion of the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project is crucial for enhancing transportation infrastructure in our service area and facilitating our ability to respond efficiently to emergency calls. Improved accessibility and reduced congestion along Route 228 will enable our emergency medical personnel to reach patients more quickly and safely, ultimately enhancing patient outcomes and saving lives.

Therefore, we wholeheartedly endorse the funding request for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and urge your favorable consideration. The successful completion of this project will not only benefit our emergency medical service but will also contribute to the overall safety and well-being of the communities we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (724) 776-4480 or email at [matt.nickl@ctems51.org](mailto:matt.nickl@ctems51.org).

Sincerely,



Matt Nickl, BS, NRP  
Executive Director