

EAST GREENSBORO NOW

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

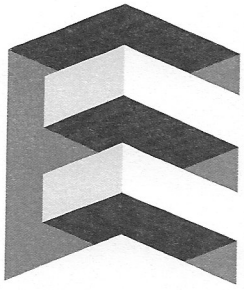
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter of support for the East Greensboro Greenway's (or "the Project's") application to the USDOT's 2023 Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant program. This collaborative project, spearheaded by the City of Greensboro (the City) with support from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will complete environmental review and 100% design for a 6.6-mile, active transportation network in downtown Greensboro, located primarily in census tracts with poverty rates of 40 percent or more. Its goal is to become a vital asset, developed hand-in-hand with the community – a greenway that is safe and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities and reflective of East Greensboro's culture and creative spark.

The Project will connect the J. Douglas Galyon Intermodal Depot, which provides passenger rail service and is the City of Greensboro's main hub for local, regional, and intercity bus service, to Barber Park, a 109-acre park that offers a variety of recreational amenities, including a community-run bike shop. Along the way, the Project will connect key community destinations: two Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs), seven K-12 schools and several neighborhood parks, including Bingham Park, a 13-acre park developed atop a former waste disposal site and currently undergoing remediation as the City strives for environmental justice. Additionally, the project provides first- and last-mile connections to Greensboro Transit Agency bus routes by integrating with the City's new Crossmax service.

The East Greensboro Greenway project will bring about a transformative change for the community by addressing historical issues of underinvestment and detrimental land use and transportation policies which prioritized vehicular travel while neglecting other transportation options, such as bicycling, walking and public transit. This Project will provide residents and visitors with more options for commuting routes, improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety by providing a separated facility and implementing proven countermeasures at road crossings.





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East Greensboro NOW is a nonprofit, community development corporation (CDC) focused on economic development and driving new investment in east Greensboro while improving the quality of life for our stakeholders. Since our start in 1998, we have centered our efforts in economic development, community development, affordable housing and minority entrepreneurship. This greenway project aligns perfectly with our desires for a vibrant east Greensboro landscape, creating a unique asset for which east Greensboro residents can be proud.

The East Greensboro Greenway will create a safer and more equitable active transportation network in Greensboro. We strongly encourage you to favorably consider Greensboro's East Greensboro Greenway grant application for ATIIIP funding.

Sincerely,

Phil Barnhill, Executive Vice President
East Greensboro NOW

