



October 12, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Brevard Music Center enthusiastically supports the City of Brevard's partnership with neighboring Henderson County and request to the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) for a grant through the USDOT Federal Highway Administration to further the Ecusta Trail.

The Brevard Music Center attracts over 40,000 visitors over a summer season and houses nearly 500 high school and college students all of whom would benefit greatly from this multimodal trail.

This plan for the Ecusta Trail will enhance our community and connectivity, and would have an incredible positive economic impact on small businesses and individuals alike.

Importantly, this project has the support of the citizens and businesses of the City of Brevard evidenced by significant participation in the development of the City of Brevard's strategic planning process.

We hope the NSFLTP and USDOT will support this project to leverage the City of Brevard's investments in economic growth, transportation, and quality of life.

Sincerely,

Mark Weinstein
President & CEO