



October 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC, 20590

RE: 2022 City of Brevard NSFLTP Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Friends of Ecusta Trail commit to providing the following matching funds to the 2022 City of Brevard Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) grant application entitled The Ecusta Trail, a project that will provide connectivity for residents and visitors of Henderson and Transylvania Counties to the Pisgah National Forest and to the Blue Ridge Parkway. The project will also allow more active transportation alternatives for the rural areas, help boost the local economy, and improve the health and quality of life for local residents.

A cash match in the amount of \$3,132,500 for the Transylvania County portion and \$4,917,500 for the Henderson County portion (\$4,317,500 for Kanuga Rd. to county line and \$600,000 for Kanuaga Rd. to Main St.), for a total cash match of \$8,050,000, will be provided during the grant period to be used by the City of Brevard and Henderson County to implement the project once the NSFLTP grant funds are secured. These funds were appropriated by the State of North Carolina to the Friends of Ecusta Trail in the current biennial budget to be used for the development of the Ecusta Trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark B. Tooley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark B. Tooley, President  
Friends of Ecusta Trail