



July 6, 2021

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

RE: FY2021 RAISE Grant Application – High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Elliott Sidewalk Communities, a real estate developer supporting sustainable Downtown economic development, strongly supports the RAISE grant application “High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity” which is the result of a collaboration between the City of High Point, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and other local stakeholders.

This multimodal project in the heart of Downtown High Point will improve access to transit, jobs, public resources, and opportunities for low-income communities of color. As part of a statewide and regional greenway spine identified in the NCDOT Great Trails State Plan, this project can be a national model for state, regional and local coordination to create a safer, more equitable, and better-connected multimodal transportation network for all users.

Elliott Sidewalk Communities is active in 5 cities with large, multi-phased downtown projects, including High Point, NC. We have invested 4 years and many millions to help reinvigorate a walkable downtown lifestyle in this city. The city has invested \$50 million in cultural and infrastructure, and our firm is developing another \$110 million around the stadium to develop a Live Work Play environment. The catalyst project by the city and ESC has attracted tens of millions in additional development. Pedestrian movement and greenways for this city would accelerate an equitable amenity for all citizens and helps connect several economic engines including the baseball stadium, the university, and city government. A greenway and connector of this sort belongs in High Point, and we hope you give utmost consideration for the RAISE grant to High Point.

By supporting these efforts, USDOT can showcase a project that aligns closely with its objectives under the Biden Administration's objectives, including enhancing access to opportunities for historically marginalized communities, creating an equitable transportation system that works for everyone, and transitioning to a more environmentally conscience network that prioritizes non-motorized users. This project will deliver healthy, climate-friendly, resilient, and integrated transportation options for residents and visitors of Downtown High Point. It will serve the City of High Point, the State of North Carolina, and its residents well for years to come.

Sincerely

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