

July 1, 2021

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

RE: High Point on the RISE: Reimagining infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

High Point Baseball, Inc. 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.

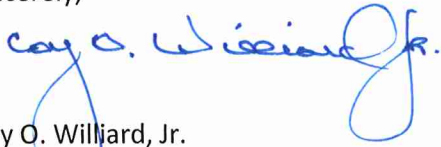
High Point Baseball, Inc. was established as a 501-C3 to manage Truist Point, a facility to host the High Point Rockers (an Atlantic League affiliate) and many other community events and activities including soccer, concerts, college baseball, etc.. Our Rockers baseball team is a 501-C4 non-profit designed to benefit our citizens and also invest in other charities in our community. Since the construction of Truist Point, many other investments have been made in Downtown High Point attracting private dollars.

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 conscious 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.

Thank you for considering our application for RAISE Program funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Coy O. Williard, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Coy O. Williard, Jr.
Chairman
High Point Baseball, Inc.