



July 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of High Point fully supports the RAISE grant application “High Point on the RISE: Rebuilding Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity” which is the result of a collaboration between the City, 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 on the RISE” aligns with major investments made by the City and its partners along this corridor including the High Point mass transit hub, Truist Point Stadium, the High Point Library, the Nido and Mariana Qubein Children’s Museum, and the High Point Market. In addition, this project bridges a critical link in the local and regional greenway network, providing safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists while extending the walkshed from the City’s mass transit bus and passenger rail hub.

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.

Thank you for considering our application for RAISE Program funding.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay W. Wagner".

Jay W. Wagner
City of High Point Mayor