



City of High Point North Carolina



Department of Transportation

Public Transportation Division

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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: Rebuilding Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The High Point Transit System strongly 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 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 Transit System is the publicly owned and operated local transportation system for the City of High Point. High Point Transit operates as a radial system where all routes converge at the Broad Avenue Terminal in a centralized area adjacent to “High Point on the RISE”. This project will provide an excellent last-mile solution and enhanced pedestrian and bicycling environment to and from the Broad Avenue Terminal. Additionally, the City has recognized transit stops along the greenway alignment that will be evaluated for enhanced sidewalk or other passenger amenities. It is our opinion that this project will increase the level of access, comfort, and safety for High Point Transit System passengers.

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. 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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