

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR J. ERIC BOYETTE SECRETARY

July 7, 2021

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

Subject:

Certification of Financial Contribution 2021 RAISE Grant Application:

High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability

& Equity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wishes to express its full support for the *High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability & Equity* project under the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program. The *High Point on the RISE* project is a collaboration between the City of High Point, the NCDOT and other local stakeholders. This multimodal project in the heart of Downtown High Point will construct 3.87 miles of greenway, 1.2 miles of complete streets and two (2) blocks of bicycle boulevard facilities providing safe critical connections for High Point's underserved communities.

If awarded, the *High Point on the RISE* project will create new connections between low-income communities in the *Areas of Persistent Poverty* and enable the city to provide safe, sustainable and equitable access to the residents of Downtown and Southwest High Point neighborhoods. The facility will not only improve safety and access of local trips, but the project will also 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. By strategically investing in these multimodal facilities, the project will provide much needed investment to serve and fortify an underserved area of North Carolina that has not proportionally shared in the state's prosperity.

Secretary Pete Buttigieg Page 2 of 2 July 7, 2021

The project is reflected in our mission statement:

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.

To that end, the NCDOT will fund the *High Point on the RISE* project in the amount of \$200,000 in Spot Safety funds towards a successful RAISE grant from the state funded North Carolina Highway Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of the High Point on the RISE project for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program.

If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919)707-4320 or via e-mail at siking@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephanie King

NCDOT Chief Financial Officer



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR J. ERIC BOYETTE SECRETARY

June 29, 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,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is pleased to commit \$200,000 in state funding from the North Carolina Spot Safety Program for the multimodal safety enhancements included in the proposed project in High Point, NC. These funds are being provided based upon a review of the proposed improvements and are intended to be applied to the construction of safe shared-use pathway crossings at intersections with the state highway system.

The commitment of these funds is based on the scope of crossing improvements provided to NCDOT on June 28th, 2021 and is limited to this grant application. The Transportation Mobility and Safety Division (TMSD) of NCDOT should be notified if any of the planned state system crossing locations are changed.

We are excited to be a part of this application and look forward to working together to improve safety and mobility for the citizens of High Point.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Lacy, PE

State Traffic Engineer

Director, Transportation Mobility & Safety Division

- K. Men

JKL/dbp:sh

cc:

Ryan Brumfield, Director, Integrated Mobility Division

Brian K. Mayhew, PE, CPM, State Traffic Safety Engineer

David B. Phipps, PE, Central Regional Field Operations Engineer

Brian C. Thomas, PE, Triad Region Traffic Engineer

Cindy Millikin, Division Project Manager

Mailing Address: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY & SAFETY DIVISION 1561 MAIL SERVICE CENTER RALEIGH, NC 27699-1561 Telephone: (919) 814-5000 Fax: (919) 771-2745 Customer Service: 1-877-368-4968 Location: 750 N. GREENFIELD PARKWAY GARNER, NC 27529

Website: www.ncdot.gov