

July 1, 2021



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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Piedmont Legacy Trails strongly supports the RAISE grant application “High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity.” Not only would this multimodal project in the heart of Downtown High Point will be a transformational economic and public health boost to the City of High Point, but it would also complete a key section for growing regional connectivity in North Carolina’s Piedmont Triad Region.

As the Piedmont Triad’s regional trails collective we are especially aware of the benefits the completion of this project would provide to people even beyond the City of High Point. By connecting Downtown High Point to the Bicentennial Greenway that reaches into Greensboro we would be filling the gap between two of our major cities and completing a regional and statewide greenway spine identified in the NCDOT Great Trails State Plan. Greater trail connectivity and mileage makes our entire region more desirable as a place to live and visit, and creates a safer, more equitable network for all users.

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 Piedmont Triad Region, and the State of North Carolina well for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Palmer McIntyre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Palmer McIntyre
Conservation Planner
Piedmont Land Conservancy and Piedmont Legacy Trails