



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 Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum 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.

The Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum opens to the public this October and will offer 75,000 square feet of activity for children and families. From our Mars Academy to the city's first STEAM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), our museum's hands-on learning exhibits and programs will enrich lives and inspire children in our community. We are committed to ensuring that the Qubein Children's Museum will be part of growing up for all children in our community.

Our site, situated on 4+ acres at 200 Montlieu Avenue, is an important destination for all our city's families. The RAISE grant would help create even more access for families to the children's museum by creating an equitable transportation system allowing them greater ease to visit the museum.

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,  
Megan Ward, executive director

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