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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: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point supports the NCDOT RAISE grant application “High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity” with a \$900,000 cash match if a grant is awarded that includes Phases 1-3 of the *Southwest High Point Heritage Greenway*.

The Southwest Renewal Foundation is a grass roots, community-based 501 C (3) nonprofit that has partnered with state and regional experts since 2011 to sponsor the planning of multimodal transportation options for low-income, inner-city southwest High Point to give residents easier and safer access to High Point's Downtown mass transit facilities: Amtrak Station, local and regional bus terminals.

This project will provide safe ways for everyone to travel around their neighborhoods and beyond, offer more economic opportunity, raise quality of life, and promote public and environmental health. Studies have shown also that urban greenways attract business to creates jobs.

Thank you so much for consideration of this RAISE grant for North Carolina to build infrastructure for sustainability and equity.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Darr, Executive Director

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