



February 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Main Street Lumberton Advisory Committee, serving as its Chair, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for **SAFE Lumberton**. **Safer Access For Everyone**, the City of Lumberton's application for a Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.

SAFE Lumberton would provide funds for complete street improvements in Lumberton, NC. The RAISE grant will specifically improve pedestrian safety and multimodal access into the downtown area. Funding from the grant will facilitate connections from underserved neighborhoods in the south and west parts of town, to the east Lumberton mill village, the Riverwalk, and the downtown plaza area in the heart of the City. The project combines safety improvements identified by the City and NCDOT in a pedestrian safety study with additional improvements to complete the pedestrian network. The project will also improve safety for drivers, bicyclists, and disadvantaged populations along NC 72 by implementing two roundabouts, sidewalk improvements, bicycle lanes, and a Road Diet.

As Advisory Board Chair for Main Street Lumberton, an organization committed to the revitalization of downtown Lumberton, I strongly support **SAFE Lumberton** for pedestrian improvements on NC 72. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dencie Lambdin

Main Street Lumberton Advisory Chair,