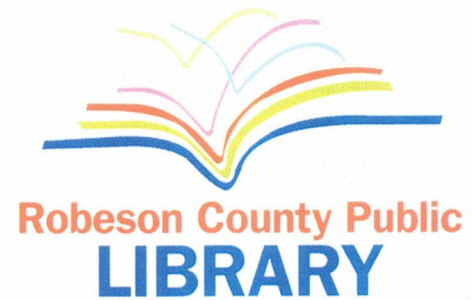


January 26, 2023

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



Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Robeson County Public Library is pleased to provide a letter of support for **SAFE Lumberton**, *Safer Access for Everyone*, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. SAFE Lumberton would provide funds for complete streets improvements in Lumberton, NC.

This multimodal project in the heart of downtown Lumberton will provide improvements along approximately 2.1 miles of NC 72 between NC 41 and NC 211 (N Roberts Ave), providing enhanced pedestrian connections between downtown and the larger community. NCDOT will work closely with the City of Lumberton on the project, which could serve as a model for the State on how to coordinate with locals and create safe, more equitable, and connected networks for all roadway users.

The Robeson County Public Library is dedicated to providing quality library services to all citizens of Robeson County. The Public Library hosts community events for all members of the community ranging from craft events geared towards elementary-aged children to movie nights for adults. SAFE Lumberton's multimodal improvements would provide safer crossings to the library, urging residents to visit our library and participate in events.

This project aligns closely with the Biden administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including improving access opportunities to historically marginalized communities and creating a transportation system that is equitable and works for everyone: motorists and nonmotorists. The project will also improve access to transit, public resources, greenways, jobs, and opportunities for low-income communities.

The Robeson County Public Library strongly supports **SAFE Lumberton** for pedestrian improvements on NC 72. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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