



City Of Oxford

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

February 14, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners' support for the **Walk NC: Creating Safer Crossings for NC Communities** application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for fiscal year 2023. This grant is being submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

WALK NC will fund pedestrian countdown signal heads, crosswalks, and accessible routes at signalized intersections in more than a dozen towns and cities in North Carolina. RAISE grant funding will improve pedestrian safety at hundreds of NCDOT-maintained signals in historically underserved communities.

These proposed changes in the City of Oxford will improve accessibility for people at our signalized intersections and provide pedestrians with dedicated WALK phases and marked crosswalks. Additional signal timing improvements will be implemented, and sidewalk gaps constructed where feasible and needed. These pedestrian improvements will address issues of social equity in communities by providing safe crossings and connecting networks, expanding access to jobs, healthy food, recreation, and social services.

The mission of the City of Oxford is to serve and improve our community by providing high quality, affordable services, sound planning for growth and development, and offering the highest possible quality of life while maintaining the public's trust through open communication and ethical standards at all times.

The WALK NC improvements are important to the future of our North Carolina Oxford community. The partnerships between the selected communities and regional and state

agencies will further connect and improve the quality of life. WALK NC will also foster innovation, growth, and overall vibrancy of our communities.

We respectfully urge your full and fair consideration of the WALK NC: *Creating Safer Crossings for NC Communities* grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline vdH Sergent', is written over a horizontal line.

Jacqueline vdH Sergent

Mayor, Oxford, NC