



Town of Siler City

Town Manager's Office

February 6, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my 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 will improve accessibility for people at 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 Town of Siler City's vision for pedestrian planning is to be a place where pedestrian connectivity and access is provided to all people and where walking at intersections are safe and encouraged. Siler City seeks and welcomes the following intersection crossing treatments: pedestrian countdown signals, pedestrian refuge medians, high-visibility crosswalks, stop bars behind crosswalks, ADA-accessible curb ramps, contiguous sidewalks on all roads, and/or ADA compliant at-grade railroad crossings.

The WALK NC improvements are important to the future of our North Carolina 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.

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

Sincerely,

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