



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 16, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Greensboro, with the support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), is pleased to offer this letter of financial commitment for the Reconnecting East Greensboro project under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP).

The City commits \$65,000 in matching funds towards the Reconnecting East Greensboro project. NCDOT is providing a letter of commitment for \$65,000 as well, for a total non-federal match of \$130,000. This effort supports Greensboro's mission to shape an inclusive future of equitable economic opportunity and sustainable, safe neighborhoods through resident focused services and programs. This project proposes to study a seven-mile segment of US 29 between 1-40 and I-785 that bisects the historically black community of East Greensboro. A shared vision will help to identify mobility needs and appropriate multimodal solutions to meaningfully address the historic inequities created by the construction of this roadway in the 1950s. The plan will be developed through a process of thoughtful neighborhood engagement to understand issues and impacts, envision the future, and identify solutions to improve accessibility and connectivity across the corridor.

Greensboro was a place of nationally significant activism during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Building on that legacy, this plan will create a blueprint to retrofit this critical corridor, mitigating past harm to better serve the community it once marginalized. The plan will serve as a template for future transportation planning efforts as the City of Greensboro continues to seek solutions to build resiliency and interconnectivity with Justice 40 communities.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our request for 2024 RCP Program planning funds. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at Nathaniel.Davis@greensboro-nc.gov or by phone at 336-373-2002.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Davis, Assistant City Manager, Community Safety and Vitality

City of Greensboro