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

Subject: Certification of Financial Contribution 2024 Reconnecting Communities (RCP) Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter of support for the **Reconnecting East Greensboro** application for a planning grant under the Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities (RCP) Program. Reconnecting East Greensboro (or "the Plan" hereafter) is being submitted in partnership with the City of Greensboro, North Carolina and the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO).

The Plan will study the seven-mile segment of US 29 between I-40 and I-785 in East Greensboro, an access-controlled highway bisecting a historically Black community. The Plan will be developed through a process to gauge the issues, envision the future, build solutions, and measure success. Local stakeholders will be engaged in each step, and we believe this focus on community involvement will help rebuild community trust and provide valuable insight into the lived experience of local residents. A shared vision for the roadway will help to identify mobility needs and appropriate multimodal solutions to meaningfully address the historical inequities created by US 29. We hope this Plan can serve as a template for future transportation planning efforts in Greensboro as the City and State partner to create a safer, more equitable, and sustainable transportation system.

Greensboro has a deep, nationally significant history of activism dating back to its central role in the civil rights movement. This Plan will build on this legacy by creating a multimodal blueprint to retrofit this critical corridor, mitigate past harm, and serve the community it once marginalized.

The Plan is also in alignment with NCDOT's mission statement:

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To that end, the NCDOT will fund the Plan in the amount of \$65,0000 (2024\$) towards a successful RCP Program Grant.

Thank you for your consideration of Reconnecting East Greensboro for the 2024 Reconnecting Communities Program. If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 814-5010 or via e-mail at [bmayhew@ncdot.gov](mailto:bmayhew@ncdot.gov).

Sincerely,

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