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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to ask that you give full and fair consideration to the City of Lumberton's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded the grant, the City of Lumberton will use these funds to provide comprehensive street improvements throughout the city, enhancing pedestrian safety and multimodal access into the downtown area.

As the U.S. Representative for North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District, I have the distinct privilege of representing Lumberton in Congress and believe that the experience of residents and visitors of the city alike will benefit from the Safer Access for Everyone (SAFE) Lumberton program. The plan will provide improvements along two miles of North Carolina Highway 72, allowing for enhanced pedestrian access between downtown and the larger community, combined with safety improvements identified by the City's recent pedestrian safety study. The project will also improve safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians by implementing sidewalk improvements, two roundabouts, bicycle lanes, and a Road Diet.

Additionally, the city plans to work closely with the North Carolina Department of Transportation on this project, which could serve as a model for the State on how to create safe and connected networks for all roadway users in smaller-sized cities. This project will also greatly improve access to greenways, transit, public resources, and jobs and opportunities for low-income communities.

I reiterate my request that you give the SAFE Lumberton program full and fair consideration. If you would like additional information, please contact my Legislative Aide, John Wynne, at 202-225-1976. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dan Bishop
Member of Congress