

Robeson County History Museum

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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:

The Robeson County History Museum is pleased to provide a letter of support for **SAFE Lumberton**, *Safer Access for Everyone*, the City of Lumberton's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. SAFE Lumberton would provide funds for complete streets improvements in Lumberton, NC.

This multimodal project in the heart of downtown Lumberton will provide improvements along approximately 2.1 miles of NC 72 between NC 41 and NC 211 (N Roberts Ave), providing enhanced pedestrian connections between downtown and the larger community. The city will work closely with the North Carolina Department of Transportation on the project, which could serve as a model for the State on how to coordinate with locals and create safe, more equitable, and connected networks for all roadway users.

The Robeson County History Museum is an educational organization that captures and shares the story of the Robeson County region, from settlement forward, through exhibits and programs. The museum collects, preserves, researches, and interprets regional artifacts. SAFE Lumberton's multimodal improvements would provide safer crossings to our museum, urging travelers and residents to visit our museum and learn about Robeson County's diverse history.

This project aligns closely with the Biden administration's new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including improving access opportunities to historically marginalized communities and creating a transportation system that is equitable and works for everyone: motorists and nonmotorists. The project will also improve access to transit, public resources, greenways, jobs, and opportunities for low-income communities.

The Robeson County History Museum strongly supports **SAFE Lumberton** for pedestrian improvements on NC 72. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Faye Middleton

President, Robeson County History Museum



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