



February 21, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg

On behalf of Atma Hotel Group, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network.

Atma Hotel Group is a local owner and operator of hotels in the Chapel Hill area. We wholeheartedly support efforts that enhance the quality of life for our employees.

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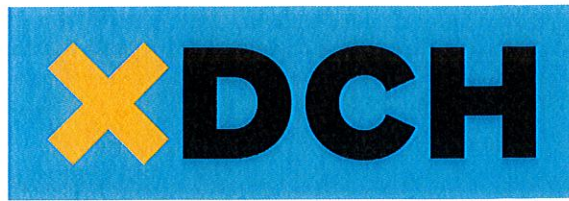
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I urge you to consider the application from the Town of Chapel Hill. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Manish Atma  
President, Atma Hotel Group Inc



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Dear Secretary Buttigieg

On behalf of Downtown Chapel Hill Partnership, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network.

We are a 501c3 that contracts with the town and university to manage downtown Chapel Hill. Our mission is to be a champion and advocate for downtown Chapel Hill through programming, marketing, business support, and community building.

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Sincerely,

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Jeri Lynn Schulke  
Interim Executive Director  
Downtown Chapel Hill Partnership

February 22, 2023

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**ORANGE COUNTY  
VISITORS BUREAU**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg

On behalf of The Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network.

The fundamental mission of a convention and visitor bureau is the promotion of visitor and business travel, which generates overnight lodging for a destination. They are directly responsible for travel and tourism "product awareness" to visitors.

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Laurie Paolicelli  
Executive Director  
Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau  
308 W. Franklin Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
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February 24, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro (NC), representing 600 employers with 95,000 workers throughout the Triangle Region, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program.

Our Chamber's vision is to be a resilient, globally recognized community with the talent, infrastructure, and investment that drives the success of local employers and supports world-class education, public amenities, and thriving downtowns.

This grant will allow our Town leadership to conduct a feasibility study for the Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network. Our expectation is that this study will result in the acceleration of the "Complete Community" framework, which includes more greenways that increase mobility for all while also improving our quality of life. Indeed, this will help make our community a place where more people want to live, learn, work, play, and start and grow a business.

Having Chapel Hill Transit – one of the nation's earliest fare-free bus systems – in the driver's seat on this feasibility study makes us confident that the RAISE funds will be thoughtfully leveraged for strong regional results that demonstrate national leadership in safe and equitable greenway development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aaron Nelson  
President and CEO  
The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Thank You to Our Community Champions!







**Extraordinary**  
VENTURES

February 22nd, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Extraordinary Ventures, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's **Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways** network.

Extraordinary Ventures is a nonprofit with the mission of creating and nurturing self-sustaining small businesses with the philosophy that all people are employable. We focus on creating job opportunities for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities such as Autism. We proudly employ a neurodiverse workforce.

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Sincerely,



Lisa Kaylie  
Executive Director  
Extraordinary Ventures

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg

On behalf of Grubb Properties, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network.

Grubb Properties is committed to creating productive places to live and work that inspire community, encourage well-being, and enable mobility. In our Chapel Hill developments, we have prioritized transportation connectivity, with the goal of building communities that reverse the typical car-centric culture in favor of a more sustainable, people- and bike-friendly environment through planning. We enlisted Copenhagenize a leading planning and design firm out of Denmark, to encourage and enable the use of alternative forms of transportation at our Glen Lennox community.

We believe connectivity and alternative transportation options can help with housing affordability and economic mobility. Building and maintaining parking is more expensive than many realize, and residents are often forced to subsidize those costs whether or not they use a parking spot. If developers do not have to build as much parking, they can pass those savings on to residents through lower rents. Additionally, reducing car dependency can also reduce a resident's daily cost of living by eliminating the increasing cost of car ownership and maintenance.

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Sincerely,

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Clay Grubb  
CEO  
Grubb Properties

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance – the voice of the regional business community on transportation in North Carolina's Research Triangle area – I am writing to express our support for the Town of Chapel Hill's 2023 RAISE grant application to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's proposed "Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways" network.

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For more than two decades, Chapel Hill has had one of the nation's most prolific zero fare bus systems, and its community partners have a proud history of supporting alternative transportation. This greenways initiative is a natural extension of this multimodal, collaborative partnership.

The regional business community thanks you for your consideration of the Town of Chapel Hill's 2023 RAISE grant request. Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or [joe@letsgetmoving.org](mailto:joe@letsgetmoving.org) with questions.

Sincerely,



Joe Milazzo II, PE  
Executive Director  
Regional Transportation Alliance



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**Re: Letter in Support of the Town of Chapel Hill's RAISE Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southern Environmental Law Center, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's grant application to the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to pursue a feasibility study for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network.

The Southern Environmental Law Center is a non-profit organization that works to protect the basic right to clean air, clean water, and a livable climate; to preserve our region's natural treasures and rich biodiversity; and to provide a healthy environment for all. Among other priorities, we advocate for equitable land use and transportation solutions that reduce carbon emissions and promote denser, better connected communities.

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Megan Kimball  
Staff Attorney