

January 31, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg **US** Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's 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.

Our two towns are neighboring communities that share a transit system—the second largest in the state and one of the nation's first fare-free bus systems—and engage in joint planning activities and community programs. Since the 1970s, the Town of Carrboro has been committed to improving its pedestrian and bicycle facilities and greenways. Our recently adopted comprehensive plan includes strategies to "create safe streets and trail networks for pedestrians, bike riders, and transit riders" and to "encourage and support the development of greenways and trails for public use, creating a complete network of connected greenways connecting parks, open spaces and conservation areas for biking, walking, and wildlife corridors."

Likewise, the Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing safe transportation options for all residents. The Town's greenways are integral to reducing automobile dependence, improving access to jobs, providing safe and enjoyable transportation and recreation options, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving quality of life for residents. Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day mobility. It will focus housing growth along the greenway network, altering development and transportation patterns into the future. A grant from the RAISE program will allow Chapel Hill to continue to be a leader in access and mobility for all.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, Town of Carrboro, NC



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February 23, 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 The Town of Chapel Hill's Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department, 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 Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department strives to create a vibrant and inclusive community where all residents have access to affordable housing and opportunities to thrive. The Everywhere to Everywhere Greenway initiative would play a major role in providing access to high quality transit options for the residents in our community who need it most.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for residents.

Chapel Hill's ambitious **Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways** initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

Home to Chapel Hill Transit – one of the nation's earliest fare-free bus systems – Chapel Hill and its community partners have a long and proud history of supporting alternative transportation. I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will allow Chapel Hill to continue to be a leader in providing alternative transportation and access for all.

We 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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February 23, 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 Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department, 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.

At Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, we provide cultural and recreational opportunities in a safe and inviting environment. We continue to *Inspire*, *Create*, *and Preserve* with the goal to enliven our community by providing exceptional service, creating opportunities for inclusive recreational and cultural experiences and nurturing beautiful, sustainable spaces.

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We 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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February 23, 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 the Chapel Hill Planning Department, 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 Planning Department is charged with implementing the Town's newly adopted Complete Community framework, and by virtue of that, supporting the Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways as they are developed. We will work closely with Transportation to ensure that the Complete Community policies and procedures facilitate greenway implementation.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, and improving the quality of life for residents. Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

Receipt of the RAISE grant will put Chapel Hill on the path to becoming a leader in alternative transportation and access for all. 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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Planning Director Town of Chapel Hill



February 23, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I enthusiastically support the Town of Chapel Hill's 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program application requesting funding for the Town's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network feasibility study. Chapel Hill is committed to providing useful, affordable transportation options for all residents to safely meet their daily needs. A robust network of transportation greenways reduces auto-dependence, improves access to jobs and transit, provides safe and enjoyable transportation options, and improves quality of life for all residents.

Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) is the second largest transit system in North Carolina and the public transportation provider for Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative will significantly expand access to the Town's transit system, including the planned North-South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route, a major capital investment, currently in FTA Small Starts project development. A fully built-out Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways network also expands the potential for transit-oriented development (TOD) mobility hubs evolving at NSBRT station areas. The synergies generated by the integration of these two capital investment projects have the potential to transform multimodal mobility in Chapel Hill.

On behalf of Chapel Hill Transit, I strongly believe that the opportunities provided by the requested RAISE grant align with Chapel Hill's goal of a growing into a more Complete Community and affirm the Town's policy objectives of a healthier and more sustainable community and equitable multimodal transportation access for all and I urge you to consider the funding the Town of Chapel Hill's request for a RAISE grant.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Litchfield Director

Chapel Hill Transit

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OF THE
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Rani Dasi, Chair, Board of Education Nyah D. Hamlett, Ed.D., Superintendent

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 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 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.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools strives to balance the interconnected areas of education, environment, and society in order to contribute to a healthy future for our students, staff, and community. We believe that these actions are a natural extension of the district's core mission and values. As a result, we have partnered with the Town to provide our students with multiple walk/bike paths in order to attend school. We have also leveraged the use of our Town's public transit system as alternatives to the traditional "yellow" school buses. These transportation alternatives have assisted in promoting student health and opportunities for reducing our carbon footprint.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for residents.

Chapel Hill's ambitious **Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways** initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus on housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

Home to Chapel Hill Transit – one of the nation's earliest fare-free bus systems – Chapel Hill and its community partners have a long and proud history of supporting alternative transportation. I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will allow Chapel Hill to continue to be a leader in providing alternative transportation and access for all.

We 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,

Nyah D. Hamlett, Ed.D. Superintendent

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February 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg United States Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter in Support of the Town of Chapel Hill North Carolina Grant Application to the 2023 RAISE Grant Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of GoTriangle, 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.

As the region's fixed-route transit provider, GoTriangle aims to make exceptional public transportation the foundation of the region's community, prosperity, and mobility. GoTriangle improves our region's quality of life by connecting people and places through safe, reliable and easy-to-use travel choices. Partnerships with our local governments to improve safe and equitable access to transit through programs such as Chapel Hill's Everywhere Greenways network are critical to achieving our mission and vision.

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Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

Home to Chapel Hill Transit – one of the nation's earliest fare-free bus systems – Chapel Hill and its community partners have a long and proud history of supporting alternative transportation. I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will allow Chapel Hill and the Triangle region to continue to be a leader in providing alternative transportation and access for all.

We 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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February 16, 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 the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research 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 Highway Safety Research Center works closely with local agencies across the US to deploy best practices in roadway planning and design to ensure safe and equitable mobility. The RAISE grant program offers a key opportunity to ensure that cutting edge research, practices, and safety and mobility innovations are imbedded into future transportation investments in North Carolina.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to decarbonization efforts needed to ensure healthy and resilient environments, improving access to jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, and improving the quality of life for residents. Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go—safely, reliably, and comfortably—without needing a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will positively impact the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will put Chapel Hill on the path to becoming a leader in alternative transportation and access for all and a model for other communities. We 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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Interim Co-Director, UNC Highway Safety Research Center

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February 21, 2023

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

RE: CHAPEL HILL EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE GREENWAYS RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to support the 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 MPO is the regional transportation planning agency for the West NC Triangle including Chapel Hill and Carrboro. This RAISE grant application is consistent with our long-range transportation plan goals, objectives, and project recommendations.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to safe transportation options for all residents. Greenways reduce auto-dependence, improve access to jobs and transit, provide safe and enjoyable transportation options, and enhance the quality of life for residents. Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative will shift how the community uses greenways, so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan will focus housing growth along the connected greenway network and so residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill for future generations.

A RAISE grant award will sustainably cement Chapel Hill's alternative transportation and access for all leadership. Thank you for considering Chapel Hill's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways RAISE funding application.

Sincerely,

Doug Plachcinski AICP, CFM

Executive Director



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER J. ERIC BOYETTE GOVERNOR SECRETARY

February 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is pleased to support 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.

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NCDOT urges you to consider the application from the Town of Chapel Hill. We believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will put Chapel Hill on the path to becoming a leader in alternative transportation and access for all.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by: Julie White

Julie White, Deputy Secretary Multi-Modal Transportation

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February 24, 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 the Orange County Health Department, 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 Orange County Health Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life, promote health, and preserve the environment for all people in Orange County. We understand that systems are often the root causes of inequities and that by improving the major systems in our county we can improve the outcomes produced by those systems. We believe health starts in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. The resources and supports available in conjunction with our social interactions and relationships are major factors in the health our community.

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Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without getting in a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future.

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

Sincerely,

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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 Orange County, 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.

Orange County adopted Vision Zero and Complete Street Policy in 2022 and supports all local jurisdictions seeking to increase pedestrian safety and prioritize accessibility to multimodal transportation options. Improvements to the town's greenway network will bridge communities together.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for residents.

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We 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,

Jamezetta Bedford, Chair

Orange County Board of Commissioners

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February 23, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application submitted by the Town of Chapel Hill for the Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for residents.

Chapel Hill's ambitious Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative aims to shift how greenways are used so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan is to focus housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can move around without a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will forever alter the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill.

Home to Chapel Hill Transit – one of the nation's earliest fare-free bus systems – Chapel Hill and its community partners have a long and proud history of supporting alternative transportation. I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will allow Chapel Hill to continue to be a leader in providing alternative transportation and access for all.

I strongly support this RAISE grant application for the Town of Chapel Hill's Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative, and I urge you to give this application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

VALERIE P. FOUSHEE Member of Congress



Porth Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

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February 22, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the North Carolina State House Representative for District 56, 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.

I serve in the North Carolina General Assembly, and my district includes the Town of Chapel Hill. One of my top priorities is supporting the Town's vision to secure connectivity and a sustainable future for every resident.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation options, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for residents.

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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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Allen Buansi North Carolina State House Representative, General Assembly District 56 (Chapel Hill and Carrboro)



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February 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As a Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives representing a part of Orange County and Chapel Hill, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the grant application by the Town of Chapel Hill for the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The Town is pursuing the RAISE Grant for a feasibility study for its "Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways" network.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents, respecting various socioeconomic statuses and abilities, to move around safely. Greenways are integral to reducing auto-dependence, improving access to local and regional jobs and transit, providing safe and enjoyable transportation choices, reducing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life.

Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways is an ambitious initiative by the Town which aims to shift how greenways are used, so they play a greater role in day-to-day transportation. The plan focuses housing growth along the greenway network and ensure that residents can get where they want to go without the necessity of a car. When implemented, the extensive greenway network will thrust the development and transportation patterns in Chapel Hill into the future. The underlying principle baked into all of this is equity. In building this initiative the Town took the time to seek diverse community input and address the impacts on the most stressed communities so that this project could be successful and sustainable.

Home to Chapel Hill Transit – one of the earliest fare-free bus systems in the nation – Chapel Hill and its community partners have a long and proud history of supporting alternative transportation. I believe that receipt of the RAISE grant will allow the Town to continue to be a leader in providing transportation options and access for all.

I therefore urge you to consider the application from the Town of Chapel Hill. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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.

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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,

Vernetta Alston



North Carolina General Assembly

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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:

As the North Carolina state senator representing Chapel Hill, 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.

As I think about current modes of transportation in our cities and towns and the climate crisis, I realize that's its vitally important to start thinking outside of the box and pursue innovative ways of providing transportation for residents and visitors alike. One unique way of doing this is to consider the incorporation of greenways throughout our communities which would not only decrease the dependence on vehicles and ease the congestion on our local roads but could also potentially improve the health of our residents. Expanding a network of greenway trails can offer safe and effective ways for residents and visitors who live or stay outside of downtown to easily walk, bike or hike to connect with downtown work or cultural destinations.

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North Carolina General Assembly Senate Chamber State Legislative Building Raleigh 27601-2808

February 22nd, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

As the state senator for North Carolina's 20th District, 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.

It is in my interest as a member of the senate transportation committee to support projects that address the growing needs of our community in North Carolina. Prior to my work as a legislator, I worked on multiple transportation projects for GoTriangle and served multiple counties as a Rural Transportation Planning Organization Coordinator. These experiences combined with what I learned while working as a grants coordinator for the Town of Chapel Hill has given me a comprehensive understanding of what is necessary to maintain and improve the town's infrastructure to prepare for current and future growth.

Their plan to center community growth around greenway trails is a proactive approach to address the town's expected growth as well as improve quality of life. Our greenways are an indispensable resource for travel, recreation, environmental health, and community wellbeing. I am confident that a RAISE grant would allow them to identify strengths and potential obstacles they may face moving forwards with their project; thus allowing them to improve the plans for Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways initiative to ensure the community receives the maximum return on their investment

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