February 20, 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 Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill, we are 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 Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2013, to advocate for cycling in Chapel Hill and promote the development of a bike plan and building bike infrastructure, including greenways, for the benefit of all residents in town

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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.

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,

John Rees President Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill





February 17, 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 Greenways Incorporated, a planning and landscape architecture firm based in Durham, North Carolina, 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. For the past four decades, Greenways Incorporated has provided leadership and consulting services to clients around the world. One of the goals of my firm is to elevate the need for **transportation choice** and **non-motorized transportation alternatives** in the communities where we work. Successful transportation programs should focus on improving mobility for community residents. The Chapel Hill RAISE application will achieve those goals.

The Town of Chapel Hill is committed to providing transportation options for all residents to move throughout the community 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.

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

Sincerely,

Charles A. Flink, FASLA

President

Greenways Incorporated chuck.flink@greenways.com



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 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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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,

Lisa Kaylie Executive Director

Extraordinary Ventures

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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 Habitat for Humanity 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.

Habitat for Humanity's vision is to ensure that everyone has a decent place to live. We do this in partnership with local families who have never had the opportunity to purchase a home. After purchasing their home through Habitat, these families achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. Habitat is planning to construct more than 100 homes in the Town of Chapel Hill over the next five years.

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We urge you to consider the application from the Town of Chapel Hill. I am available via email if you have any questions (jplayer@orangehabitat.org). Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Player

President and CEO

Jennifer Player

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County



## THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Secretary Pete Buttigieg U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590 February 16, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, 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 North Carolina Botanical Garden has been a leader in native plant conservation and education in the southeastern United States for more than 50 years. As part of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, we further the University's teaching, research, and public service mission through our own mission to inspire understanding, appreciation, and conservation of plants and to advance a sustainable relationship between people and nature.

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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,

Damon Waitt, Director

North Carolina Botanical Garden University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 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 Orange-Chatham Group of the North Carolina Sierra Club, 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 Sierra Club, our Nation's oldest environmental advocacy group, adopted an infill and smart growth policy in 2019 -- the latest tool in our longstanding fight against sprawl and climate change. For these purposes, as well as for vibrant, resilient and equitable communities, we support Chapel Hill's grant proposal. The Sierra Club policy has two specific points that are especially relevant to Chapel Hill's RAISE grant proposal:

- Development should allow a mix of uses sufficiently close to each other, and at sufficient densities, to support walkability.
- Transportation investments should focus on improving walking, bicycling and transit connections in already built-out areas, and ensuring access for persons with disabilities.

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Sincerely,

Melissa McCullough, Chair

Orange-Chatham Group of the North Carolina Sierra Club

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February 20, 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 UNC Health, 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.

UNC Health is a not-for-profit integrated health care system owned by the state of North Carolina and based in Chapel Hill. Originally established Nov. 1, 1998, by N.C.G.S. 116-37, UNC Health currently comprises UNC Hospitals and its provider network, the clinical programs of the UNC School of Medicine, and sixteen hospitals and twenty hospital campuses statewide and more than 900 clinics statewide.

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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,

Simon George
System Vice President Real Estate, Development & Facilities
UNC Health



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

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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 22, 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 Well Dot, Inc. (Well), 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.

Headquartered in Chapel Hill, Well is a digital health engagement company that continues to build out its workforce in multiple locations in the Town's downtown area.

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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,

Jared Sokolsky

Chief Financial Officer

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Well Dot, Inc.