

April 22, 2022

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

Re: FY22 RAISE | DTOS59-22-RA-RAISE
Applicant: Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments
Application #: GRANT13596898
UEI #: HBJXY76NCMM3

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to support the grant application submitted by Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) for funding through the Fiscal Year 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program in the amount of \$1,300,000.

The Kerr-Tar COG indicates that it requests funding to complete a feasibility study for the East Coast Greenway Rural S-Line Corridor. It is my understanding that the East Coast Greenway is a multistate multimodal transportation initiative which will connect rural communities through a bicycle and pedestrian corridor in Northern North Carolina. Project partners include Kerr-Tar COG, Kerr-Tar Regional Transportation Planning Organization, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance in addition to the towns and counties involved. The funding for a detailed analysis of the Greenway corridor will allow Kerr-Tar localities to partner with state agencies, conservancies, landowners, and private businesses to acquire corridors, program engineering and construction projects, and advance projects to compete for federal investment.

Thank you for your consideration of Kerr-Tar Regional COG's application for FY22 RAISE grant funding. Please feel free to contact Kyle Sanders at kyle_sanders@tillis.senate.gov and Andrew Nam at andrew_nam@tillis.senate.gov if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis
U.S. Senator

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