

April 28, 2022

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

Re: FY 2022 RAISE Grant Program  
Applicant: The Town of Rutherfordton and the Town of Spindale  
Application Name: PARTNERS  
DUNS Number: 7881429460000  
UEI Number: XSN8A4TT1DY5

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the grant application submitted by the Town of Rutherfordton and the Town of Spindale, North Carolina, in the amount \$20,040,000 for funding through the FY 2022 RAISE Grant Program. The requested monies will be used for the Partnership for Active Regional Transportation and Neighborhood Equity in Rutherfordton and Spindale (PARTNERS).

It is my understanding that PARTNERS will transform an existing multilane roadway into a vibrant and inclusive complete street that improves safety, provides connectivity, and improves mobility by adding sidewalks and multi-use paths to equitably serve the communities who live, work, and play along the corridor. This project spurs economic development in Rutherfordton and Spindale, and serves a historically disadvantaged community.

Improved transportation and related infrastructure are critical to economic development and growth, and I thank you for your consideration of the PARTNERS application for FY 2022 RAISE Grant funding. Please feel free to contact Kyle Sanders at [kyle\\_sanders@tillis.senate.gov](mailto:kyle_sanders@tillis.senate.gov) or Andrew Nam at [andrew\\_nam@tillis.senate.gov](mailto:andrew_nam@tillis.senate.gov) if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis  
U.S. Senator

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