

August 27, 2021

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

Re: FY 2021 RAISE grant program  
Applicant: City of Charlotte, North Carolina  
UEI: Y84GJESBH8WS  
Project: Charlotte Multimodal Transit Hub (CMTH)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the application submitted by the City of Charlotte for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program in the amount of \$25,000,000.

The City indicates that funding will be used to replace the existing mid-1990s, hub-and-spoke model Charlotte Transit Center that is obsolete and has significant safety issues with bus and pedestrian interactions due to its open-air design. A new multimodal facility, known as the Charlotte Multimodal Transit Hub (CMTH), will be a modern, underground bus concourse that will be a safe and heated facility, complete with a first-class passenger experience and supported with structured parking. The facility will provide seamless transfers and connect all forms of Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) transit: LYNX Blue Line Light Rail; City LYNX Gold Line Streetcar; Pedestrian Rail Trail; cycling and scooter; and taxis and ride share.

It is my understanding that a major component of this project focuses on upward mobility employment opportunities for those living in areas of persistent poverty by improving access to the Central Business District and elsewhere via the multimodal nature of the facility. CMTH will deliver equitable access and enlarge the area's economic base.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Charlotte's application. Please feel free to contact my Raleigh office at 919-856-4630 if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis  
U.S. Senator

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