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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support for Greene County's RAISE Planning Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the County of Greene, Virginia's application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for pathways and parallel road planning in the County of Greene and the Town of Stanardsville. The projects identified in this application will offer numerous benefits, including connecting areas of poverty to job centers; offering recreation to the entire County; improving the health of residents through recreational opportunities; and connecting the Town of Stanardsville and County of Greene to Albemarle County's pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

Greene County's planning application seeks to connect three potential pedestrian pathways to the economic centers of the County—Ruckersville and the Town of Stanardsville. The goal of this application is to bring the projects through the entire planning phase up to Right-of-Way acquisition and the creation of construction documents for the projects. The ideas for the location of the pathways are the direct result of several planning studies, which included much citizen involvement from both County and Town residents. The parallel road network possibility comes from the Greene County Comprehensive Plan to make the intersections of the main thoroughfares of U.S. Routes 29 and 33 safer, lessen traffic congestion, and offer new economic development opportunities for the County of Greene and Town of Stanardsville.

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission strongly supports the application and is willing and available to support the planning process in an advisory capacity.

Thank you for the consideration of our request and the positive impacts this planning process will provide for our region. If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Christine Jacobs at cjacobs@tjpd.org or at (434)979-1597.

Sincerely,

Christine Jacobs
Executive Director

Jesse Rutherford
Chair

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