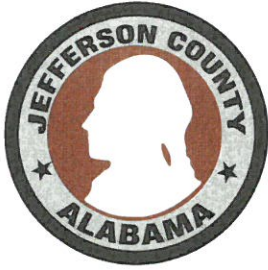


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Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Jefferson County Commission, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the City of Birmingham's application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) competitive grant opportunity. Our county's leaders strongly support this project, and are confident the outcome will have a consistently positive impact on the county's communities and the economy.

This project is part of a much larger infrastructure plan, and aims to advance plans for the Birmingham Urban Trail and Multimodal Corridor. The urban trail will create a more walkable and livable community while the corridor will celebrate, honor, and revitalize the Smithfield neighborhood, the west side of Birmingham, and the Civil Rights District. The proposed construction is a worthwhile long-term investment and will yield strong, sustainable outcomes.

This application is of utmost importance to our county as the macroeconomic, safety, and environmental benefits cannot be overstated. The project is an aggressive effort to increase the quality of life for residents, so please accept this letter as our strongest support for the city's efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Jefferson County Commission