

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3302**

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write regarding GoTriangle's Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. This project will play an important role in supporting shared economic prosperity and sustainable mobility in North Carolina's Research Triangle region.

Once complete, a new intermodal transportation facility will anchor the regional transit network and enable Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE). The project will also provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents of historically disadvantaged communities with low vehicle ownership, low incomes, who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color, and have limited transportation options for reaching everyday destinations.

Specifically, the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will support a high-quality, frequent, safe, and reliable regional transit network operated by battery-electric buses. The project will be designed with a focus on sustainability and resiliency and provide seamless connections between local and regional bus services, rail service, and micro-mobility. These new high-quality public transportation options will support connections to education, employment, healthcare, shopping, recreation, and affordable housing. By providing sustainable and affordable travel options, the project will also reduce emissions and improve air quality.

In addition, the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE will reduce transportation disparities and support economic mobility by providing faster, more reliable transportation options to residents of historically disadvantaged communities. The project will connect these residents to opportunities for educational achievement, workforce training, and career advancement, including by improving connections to businesses around RTP that participate in workforce training partnerships.

For these reasons, I urge your full and fair consideration of GoTriangle's Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program within all relevant rules and regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for additional information about the project.

Very truly yours,



Deborah K. Ross  
Member of Congress