

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 6, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to write this letter encouraging the full and fair consideration of the application from the City of Atlanta, Georgia for Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program discretionary funding.

If awarded, this funding will be used to support shovel-ready engineering of the Stitch project. The Stitch, a ¾-mile long ‘cap’ of Interstates 75/85 in Downtown Atlanta, aims to reconnect the urban fabric severed by the construction of the interstate through 14-acres of new greenspace, multimodal street connections, enhancements to the Civic Center MARTA heavy rail and regional transit station, and new mixed-use real estate investment with a focus on affordable housing. The Stitch is a generational opportunity to transform Downtown Atlanta benefitting both the City of Atlanta and entire Metro Atlanta region. It will reconnect divided communities, promote equitable-development and environmental justice through affordable housing and transportation, catalyze economic development, facilitate people-focused mobility and community connectivity, enhance environmental resilience, and improve the health and wellbeing of Atlantans.

I encourage your full and fair consideration of this application, consistent with all agency rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Titus Cornell at (202) 224-3643 or [titus\\_cornell@warnock.senate.gov](mailto:titus_cornell@warnock.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Reverend Raphael Warnock  
United States Senator