

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 5, 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 Roswell, Georgia for U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program discretionary funding.

If awarded, this funding will be used for the city's "Big Creek Greenway Community Connectivity Project" to evaluate design alternatives for connecting the existing Big Creek Parkway Trail System under GA State Route 400 to Liberty Square Park and surrounding communities through a new multi-use path. When the entire project has been completed, it will eliminate the current barrier of crossing GA 400 and create access to the Big Creek Greenway and downtown Roswell for the Liberty Square Park Neighborhood. This multi-use path is critical to connecting the neighborhood to Roswell's economic, social, transit, and recreational opportunities, including the Big Creek Greenway, a 26.9-mile paved path that connects Alpharetta, GA to Cummings, GA.

The multi-use path will connect a high density, low-income, and largely Hispanic community that lacks access to vehicles to the job centers they support and provide a safe route to school for students. Because the Big Creek Greenway was built to increase conservation, recreation, environmental education, and alternative transportation, increased access to this trail will reduce vehicle trips, resulting in greenhouse gas reductions for the entire region.

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.

Sincerely,



Reverend Raphael Warnock
United States Senator