

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 7, 2022

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

RE: Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Rebuilding American
Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to write this letter encouraging the full and fair consideration of the application from MARTA for 2022 RAISE discretionary grant funding. To modernize infrastructure for underserved communities in Atlanta, MARTA is seeking federal support for Phase 2 of the Five Points Station Transformation project, which will deconstruct the imposing concrete canopy and breathe new life into the station and surrounding area.

Five Points Station is the heart of MARTA's transit system, connecting four rail lines, ten local bus routes, and 21 regional ones. The Five Points Transformation project will improve mobility and address safety concerns at this bustling rail station and the construction work will create hundreds of jobs, with the goal of 25 percent of the work going to disadvantaged business enterprises. The canopy deconstruction will allow for the development of a new plaza, making transfers between bus and rail easier, and ultimately attracting and retaining transit users. Removing the canopy opens valuable space over the rail station in the middle of downtown Atlanta. MARTA's Transit-Oriented Development program has a strong track record on affordable housing and is already envisioning hundreds of affordable units that will serve as a model nationally.

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