



March 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County.

Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the River Parks Authority, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to assist with the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County. This project will reconnect the low-income Carbondale neighborhood previously bisected when the existing interchange was constructed. The addition of sidewalks along West 51st Street and a pedestrian bridge will facilitate opportunities to an under-served portion of Tulsa, as well as connect the vast Tulsa Metropolitan trails system, Gathering Place, and the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness to neighborhoods on the west side of the I-44 interchange.

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The River Parks Authority strongly supports the Reconnecting Neighborhoods in West Tulsa: W. 51st Street Extension Project in Tulsa County for its vital contribution to the region, state and nation. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us if you should have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Matt Meyer
Executive Director