

RESOLUTION NO. 31498

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND OUTDOORS TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,500,000.00), WITH A LOCAL NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY (20%) PERCENT MATCH OF THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000.00).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That it is hereby authorizing the Department of Parks and Outdoors to apply for, and if awarded, accept a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, for an amount up to \$17.5 million, with a local not to exceed 20% match of \$3.5 million.

ADOPTED: February 21, 2023

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February 17, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
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Support for The CHATT: Linking South Chattanooga RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the RAISE grant application being submitted for the CHATT: Linking Chattanooga's Southside by the City of Chattanooga, with support from Trust for Public Land (TPL). TPL is a national non-profit organization that works to connect everyone to the outdoors. For the last 8 years, we have worked closely with the City of Chattanooga to bring to life the CHATT Vision. In service of this vision, TPL is committed to providing \$50,000 in funding for the project.

The CHATT will be a 1.4-mile multimodal infrastructure project being developed in South Chattanooga. It will be a transformational asset that uses transportation infrastructure to improve public health, enhance mobility, and promote equitable economic development in one of Chattanooga's highest-need areas.

A RAISE grant award will provide essential funding to proactively and intentionally engage multiple historically disadvantaged communities in the design and development of the trail. This construction project will build on a legacy of the equity-driven process of participatory design, holistic engagement, and neighborhood stewardship. By partnering with the Chattanooga community and prioritizing the communities that have been the most disconnected, environmentally burdened, and historically underserved, this grant will support the comprehensive revitalization of the entire area.

I encourage U.S. DOT to support this project and help the City of Chattanooga and our communities have a healthier, more connected, and more equitable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Regas", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Diane Regas
President & CEO
Trust for Public Land