

**BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD)
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**CITY OF TAMPA
TAMPA MULTIMODAL NETWORK AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

United States Senate

July 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: City of Tampa, Florida- BUILD Grant

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of the City of Tampa's application to secure a U.S. Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant in the amount of \$24 million, with a 20% local match. Their proposal aims to improve transportation and safety in the surrounding region.

The City of Tampa seeks to make necessary safety improvements to the multimodal network in the west side of the Hillsborough River. According to the city, this project will provide a variety of safe mobility options for Tampa's residents in the region.

Due to this grant program's previously established federal appropriations, I support this request and will always fight to support Floridians. However, because of the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19, including on federal, state, and local government budgets, accountability measures should be put in place to ensure that the taxpayer money used to fund this grant program is being spent responsibly and with a clear return on investment to the American taxpayer.

I encourage you to support the City of Tampa's application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 8, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of the City of Tampa's application for \$24 million in funding from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development program for the Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project.

The City of Tampa ranks in the top 25 percent for highest fatality and injuries across all categories and 4th in pedestrian and bicycle safety, according to the Florida Department of Transportation. The multimodal network on the west side of the Hillsborough River is in need of necessary safety improvements to help the city reach its Vision Zero strategy.

If awarded, funds would be used to complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separate from automobile traffic, except for enhanced crossing locations. This would connect three neighborhoods that are Opportunity Zones on the west side of the Hillsborough River to the downtown community. It would also provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists to commute to the University of Tampa, West Tampa, Ybor City, Tampa Heights, and the downtown Tampa region. This is an important project in anticipation for future growth to the region.

I applaud the City of Tampa on its efforts to improve its transportation infrastructure. I ask your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Tampa's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application to make necessary safety improvements to the multimodal network in the West River area of Tampa, Florida.

Specifically, the Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic with the exception of enhanced crossing locations. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods in three separate but contiguous Opportunity Zones with employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City.

Once complete, the projects will create a safe walkway that will connect the neighborhoods on the west side of the river to the broader downtown community. These projects create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages and incomes.

The award of a BUILD grant is crucial to the transformation and revitalization of West River community in Tampa and help it be one of the success stories for the Opportunity Zone program.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Tampa's BUILD application.

Sincerely,



Ross Spano
Member of Congress

KATHY CASTOR
14TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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May 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: City of Tampa Application to BUILD Grant

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the City of Tampa's application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program.

Through this initiative, the City of Tampa hopes to make necessary safety improvements to the multimodal network in the West River area of Tampa, Florida. Specifically, the Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project would complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic with the exception of enhanced crossing locations. The multimodal path would expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods in three separate but contiguous Opportunity Zones with employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City.

According to the City of Tampa, once completed, the projects would create a safe walkway that will connect the neighborhoods on the west side of the river to the broader downtown community. These projects would create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages and incomes. The City of Tampa believes that the award of a BUILD grant is crucial to the transformation and revitalization of West River community in Tampa and help it be one of the success stories for the Opportunity Zone program.

For the reasons above, I respectfully offer my support for the City of Tampa's application and I hope it will be given every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
United States Representative
Florida, District 14



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the City of Tampa, I am pleased to submit our Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program application for the Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements Project.

Safety is a top priority under my administration and we are focused on protecting all City residents, businesses, and visitors. Our Mobility and Infrastructure Department's mission is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient multimodal connectivity. On June 24, 2019, I kicked off the Transportation Advisory Team. The challenge for this team was to recommend approaches to address a number of long-standing as well as emerging mobility related issues facing Tampa and its surrounding areas. One of the key findings was a focus on safety. Our focus for safety is Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

Another key finding is to reimagine our trails and greenways with the recommendation to integrate trail systems into the transportation network to enable viable active transportation mode alternatives. We are committed to planning our greenways and trails to provide viable transportation options.

Our goal, through support of the BUILD grant program, is to implement the Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project that completes a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic with the exception of enhanced crossing locations. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City.

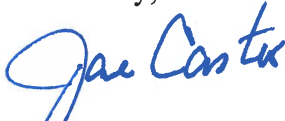
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economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages and incomes.

In addition, this project will be an important step to leverage investments into the west side of the river. The City of Tampa has already committed investments in the project area such as the \$35.6 million Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. Additionally, investments by the private sector into hotels and condominiums are underway in the project area. This project will bring thousands of jobs and stimulate an estimated \$700 million in investment and economic development.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Castor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jane Castor



July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of the Related Urban Development Group (RUDG), I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

This project will be a catalyst for a significant amount of new residential and commercial development in three opportunity zones, including along the West side of the Hillsborough River. It will lead to investments in mixed-income housing that will help Tampa meet the needs of its rapidly-growing population.

RUDG has partnered with the Tampa Housing Authority to redevelop 44 acres within the West River area of Tampa. This project will consist of over 1,200 affordable and workforce housing units in conjunction with retail, office, as well as a national grocer, providing a true live-work-play destination within West Tampa. Having a project like the proposed multimodal path will enhance the quality of life of the residents we are serving.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alberto Milo, Jr.'.

Alberto Milo, Jr.
President, RUDG



July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of Franklin Street, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

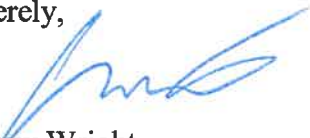
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This project will be a catalyst for a significant amount of new residential and commercial development in three opportunity zones, including along the West side of the Hillsborough River. It will lead to investments in mixed-income housing that will help Tampa meet the needs of its rapidly growing population.

The West Riverwalk project will enable long-term job creation, connect existing and draw new residents, businesses, visitors and events to West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and downtown Tampa. The project will also improve livability and quality of life by connecting natural and cultural amenities along the riverfront and neighborhoods.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,



Andrew Wright
CEO and Managing Partner, Franklin Street



August 4, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

As a longtime resident here in the Tampa Bay area, it has been exciting to see the growth and development of our Tampa Riverwalk area over these past few decades. What began in 1976 with a simple waterfront walkway of wooden planks in the Curtis Hixon Park area, has evolved into a sophisticated and comprehensive driver for our thriving downtown district. The Riverwalk has played a vital role in the revitalization of our downtown area and has served as a hub for some of our biggest events during signature events such as Super Bowl XLIII in 2009 and the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship. So much of our success in hosting these prominent events now, and in the future, relies on our ability to continue expanding and developing the Riverwalk to ensure that it remains a prominent economic and social driver.

With the funds provided through the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa would have the ability to complete the Riverwalk path, providing more than 12 miles of contiguous paths for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy throughout our revitalized downtown water district. These new paths will also provide a variety of safe options for residents in several neighborhoods including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. Just as it already has for many parts of downtown, this project will serve as a catalyst and create incentives for long-term economic growth and revitalization for these specific communities.

Another added benefit for our area would be from the potential to re-invent the West River mixed-use areas along the Hillsborough River and likely spur a significant amount of new residential and commercial development in this area. As Tampa continues to look for ways to meet the rapidly expanding needs of its downtown business districts and residential stakeholders, this project would lead to the type of investments in mixed-income housing that will go a long way in meeting those needs.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,



Brian A. Ford
Chief Operating Officer
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
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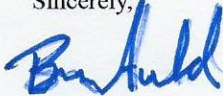
On behalf of the Tampa Bay Rays and Tampa Bay Rowdies, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

This project will be a catalyst for a significant amount of new residential and commercial development in three opportunity zones, including along the West side of the Hillsborough River. It will lead to investments in mixed-income housing that will help Tampa meet the needs of its rapidly growing population.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,



Brian Auld

President

Tampa Bay Rays



July 30, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of the Tampa Bay Economic Development Council,

I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

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As an economic developer whose job it is to attract new companies and expand existing ones in Tampa and Hillsborough County, I can assure you that talent, quality of life and a commitment to diversity and inclusion are among the key considerations of site selectors considering our market. This new path would provide us with a valuable selling point for companies that are seeking locations that offer optimal live, work and play amenities near their work sites. The BUILD grant would do much to enhance Tampa's business competitiveness and overall livability.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

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Craig J. Richard, CEcD, FM
President & CEO



July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

Tampa's business community is writing in strong support of the City of Tampa's BUILD Grant application for The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project, which includes a 2.6 mile completion of the Riverwalk on the West side of the Hillsborough River. This, along with other improvements, will result in a 12.2 mile contiguous path connecting neighborhoods across the City to jobs, commerce, and recreation.

The completion of the Riverwalk on the east side of the river, which was partially funded by a TIGER grant, has led to a transformation of Downtown Tampa resulting in billions of dollars of new commercial and residential development. The City of Tampa has demonstrated that it is able to put federal grant dollars to work in a way that has had significant benefits to both our economy and quality of life. We have no doubt that the project in this year's application will be as impactful to our city and region.

This project, and in particular the Riverwalk on the west side of the Hillsborough River, will be a catalyst for investment in three opportunity zones. It will provide safe alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles in our urban neighborhoods and will provide a great amenity for thousands of new residents in mixed-income, mixed-use developments.

I urge you to consider this application during your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Rohrlack".

Bob Rohrlack, DBA, CCE
President & CEO



City of Tampa

Jane Castor, Mayor

Economic & Urban Development

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May 11, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee (WTCAC) I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation. The WTCAC is comprised of major neighborhood, business, and community organizations that serve the West Tampa area and advises local elected officials and staff on redevelopment strategies and use of funds.

The City of Tampa is embracing Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. In addition, the City is finding ways to reimagine trails and greenways with the recommendation to integrate trail systems into the transportation network to enable viable active transportation mode alternatives.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

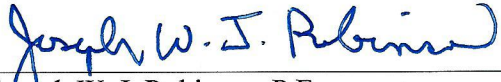
Effective transportation and mobility options, and community connections, are critical to successful redevelopment efforts. The Riverwalk on the east side of the Hillsborough River has been a major boon to the areas it traverses and we expect a similar effect with the addition of a multi-modal path on the west side.

Both the West Tampa Community Redevelopment and Strategic Action Plans emphasize innovative strategies to expand access to the Hillsborough River and to promote connection to employment centers and other neighborhoods. Many of the area's economically disadvantaged

residents are in dire need of safe, affordable transportation modes that this project would provide.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

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Joseph W. J. Robinson, P.E.
Chair, West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Community Advisory Committee

cc: West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee



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May 14, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
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Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of Tampa Housing Authority, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

The City of Tampa's Mobility and Infrastructure Department's mission is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient multimodal connectivity. The City of Tampa is embracing Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. In addition, the City is finding ways to reimagine trails and greenways with the recommendation to integrate trail systems into the transportation network to enable viable active transportation mode alternatives.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

The City of Tampa BUILD grant will result in vital, safe, pedestrian linkages along the Hillsborough River and immediately adjacent to our West River development project. West River is the redevelopment of an 820 unit 80-year-old outdated public housing community into a new connected, sustainable, economically and ethnically diverse community of choice featuring over 2,200 units of housing, retail and other community facilities. Future residents of West River will benefit enormously from the connectivity envisioned from this BUILD grant.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

Leroy Moore
Senior Vice-President/COO



July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of Tampa Electric Company, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide a transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

This project will be a catalyst for a significant amount of new residential and commercial development in three opportunity zones, including along the West side of the Hillsborough River. It will lead to investments in mixed-income housing that will help Tampa meet the needs of its rapidly-growing population.

Downtown Tampa and the surrounding communities have seen a increased focus on redevelopment in recent years due in part to the recent completion of the Riverwalk on the East side of the Hillsborough River. Adding a multimodal path along the West side and extending the East side will help drive further development and will provide a much-needed connection for neighborhoods, businesses and other key community amenities. Once completed, residents,

tourists and employees in the area will enjoy this safe and convenient multimodal path the along a beautiful riverfront setting.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

Laura R. Crouch

Laura R. Crouch
Vice President, External Affairs
Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas



May 12, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

The City of Tampa's Mobility and Infrastructure Department's mission is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient multimodal connectivity. The City of Tampa is embracing Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. In addition, the City is finding ways to reimagine trails and greenways with the recommendation to integrate trail systems into the transportation network to enable viable active transportation mode alternatives.

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On behalf of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

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Elvin L. Martinez Jr.
President-Elect



Walk Bike Tampa
Connecting neighborhoods for an active Tampa

July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Members of the Review Panel:

On behalf of Walk Bike Tampa Bay, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Walk Bike Tampa is a nonprofit founded in 2015 by Tampa residents who met at local transportation meetings and decided to create a citizen advocacy group focused on safe streets and connected networks for cycling and walking. The City's BUILD project dovetails with all of our organizational objectives, including safe routes to schools and Vision Zero.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

It's part of the City's larger goals of Vision Zero and providing safe and efficient multimodal connectivity throughout Tampa..

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

Janet Scherberger
Board Members
Walk Bike Tampa



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May 11, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Members of the Review Panel:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation. We are proud to support an effort that will create incentives for long-term economic revitalization and provide transportation options and recreational amenity for residents of all ages.

Project LINK is a community-based organization established in April 1989; dedicated to improving the quality of life for school-aged children that reside in the Tampa Bay region.

Our mission is to provide supportive services and advocacy for families. We enrich the lives of others by providing support, education, and advocacy for them to live healthy, successful, and empowered lives.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous mile path separated from automobile traffic. The multimodal path will expand connections and provide a variety of safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between several neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City.

Again, we applaud the effort to support the revitalization and redevelopment of our community. Effective transportation and mobility options, and community connections, are critical to a successful redevelopment plan.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

Tina Young
President

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July 31, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
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Dear Secretary Chao,

It was a pleasure to meet you and hear you speak on Monday, March 11th, 2019, in Crystal City, VA, at the 2019 National Bike Summit. On behalf of Pedal Power Promoters, LLC, I am pleased to support the City of Tampa's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation.

Pedal Power Promoters is a woman-owned social enterprise founded in 2015. We work with public and private enterprises to advance bicycle-friendliness and have assisted over 100 Tampa area businesses with earning their prestigious Bicycle Friendly Business^(sm) (BFB) designation from the League of American Bicyclists, including Tampa International Airport, Tampa General Hospital, and AARP Tampa Bay.

The City of Tampa's Mobility and Infrastructure Department's mission, and its Vision Zero program, seeks to meet community and business leaders' transportation needs and is consistent with feedback provided to Pedal Power Promoters during BFB interviews: Provide safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all, including finding ways to capitalize on trails and greenways to connect employment centers and integrate active transport with local and regional transit initiatives.

Under the BUILD grant, the City of Tampa will implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project. The project will complete a 12.2 contiguous separated path. The facility will expand connections and provide safe mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages, abilities, and economic status. The path will safely connect neighborhoods and employment centers including Downtown Tampa, The University of Tampa, West Tampa, Tampa Heights, and Ybor City. This project will result in long-term economic revitalization while providing a sustainable transportation option and recreational amenity for all residents.

Please provide your support to this very worthy application.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Elaine L. Chao
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Dear Members of the Review Panel:

Sidewalk Stompers, Inc. supports the City of Tampa, FL's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program under the United States Department of Transportation to implement The Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements project, completing a 12.2-mile contiguous path separated from automobile traffic.

Sidewalk Stompers is a Tampa-based non-profit dedicated to improving children's health and safety through walk/bike-to-school incentive programs. Tampa needs dedicated, connected routes for walkers and bikers like this City project to continue towards the goal of a safe, equitable, and healthier community for our children.

We support the City of Tampa's Vision Zero commitment and the Mobility and Infrastructure Department's efforts to integrate trail systems and greenways into the transportation network to enable viable active transportation alternatives. The proposed multimodal path will expand connections among several neighborhoods, schools, parks, and employment centers. By connecting existing pathways with more sectors of the City, this "green spine" will help direct Tampa's economic and cultural growth long term.

With limited school busing, Tampa's school children have long been faced with a difficult choice: get to school by private car or risk historically inhospitable walking and biking routes. It is time to invest in their future by building more pedestrian-friendly pathways like this one throughout the community. Children follow adults' lead; if walking and biking are safe and effective transportation modes throughout the City, more children will have access to education and healthier futures.

The recent Summit on Pedestrian Safety highlighted the USDOT's focus on reducing pedestrian traffic fatalities and providing safe, equitable transportation alternatives in our country. This project meets that goal: a growing transportation network of opportunities for all users.

We urge you to fund this worthy application for expanding Tampa's multimodal network.

Sincerely,

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Emily Hinsdale
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