



Tim Keller, Mayor

Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)



TO: Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

February 13, 2023

Dear Secretary Pete Buttigieg:

We are writing to express our sincere support of ABQ RIDE's Uptown Joint Development Project. As the City of Albuquerque revitalizes and reimagines Uptown, an important urban center in our city, it is vital to invest in and provide affordable and mixed-income housing, active transportation options, vibrant and appealing outdoor spaces, retail, and connectivity to key community destinations such as living, shopping, jobs, and entertainment.

As the Committee that advises the City on the needs of people who walk, bike, use mobility devices, use other people-powered transportation options, and use public transit in our community, we are happy to support this project. This project will enable the City of Albuquerque in partnership with developers to redesign and rebuild our Uptown Transit Center and park and ride lot into a robust transit-oriented development. This project will result in:

- Increasing affordable housing in an area with no legally-restricted affordable housing within ½ mile of the site
- Increasing safe pedestrian and cyclist connectivity in and around Uptown, which will expand access to jobs, reduce parking demands, decrease greenhouse gas emissions by promoting transportation alternatives, and improve community health
- Creating an enhanced transit plaza with safe and comfortable places to wait for transit, watch entertainment, and access retail

Our organization wholeheartedly supports the City's grant application.

Respectfully,

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