

NU'UANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Subject: Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant; H-1 Cap Park (Planning)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, I am pleased to offer our support for this planning grant for a cap park to reconnect our communities over the H-1 Interstate.

The Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board is part of Honolulu's island wide network of 33 elected Neighborhood Boards that serve as communication channels that expand and facilitate opportunities for community and government interaction. Our neighborhood is home to thousands of families who reside just outside downtown Honolulu, the central business district and seat of government of our state. We advocate for and support initiatives like this cap park that will provide our many residents a safe pedestrian and bike facility to commute to downtown, a connector to key transit corridors, and a much-needed green space in our city.

We welcome this innovative project and we appreciate your favorable consideration of this application for Reconnective Communities Pilot planning grant.

Sincerely,

Patrick Smith Neighborhood Board No. 12, Chair