# APPENDIX B: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

## **THE BRITE BRIDGES:**

Bridging Resources for Infrastructure and Thriving Economies Project





#### CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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November 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

**Dear Secretary Buttigieg:** 

As a representative of Chowan County, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Abemarle and Three Rivers Bridges.

This project will provide substantial rehabilitation to these two large deck river bridges that are essential to the mobility and prosperity of our region and specifically, Chowan County. Both bridges require substantial structural needs, with the substructure of both bridges being at or beyond poor condition. As these bridges serve as detour routes for each other, these condition issues could lead to substation regional transportation challenges, should one or both bridges be closed, or weight restricted.

Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding. We look forward to supporting NCDOT as a local partner during the final design, construction, and operations of these rehabbed bridges.

Sincerely,

Kevin Howard Chowan County Manager

### COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

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November 22, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Albemarle and Three Rivers Bridges.

This project will provide substantial rehabilitation to these two large deck river bridges that are essential to the mobility and prosperity of our region and specifically, Washington County. Both bridges require substantial structural needs, with the substructure of both bridges being at or beyond poor condition. As these bridges serve as detour routes for each other, these condition issues could lead to substation regional transportation challenges, should one or both bridges be closed, or weight restricted. Additionally, these bridges connect Washington County with a future Interstate route (I-87), which, when designated, will enhance economic prosperity in our region.

Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding. We look forward to supporting NCDOT as a local partner during the final design, construction, and operations of these rehabbed bridges.

Sincerely,

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Curtis S. Potter County Manager Washington County



11/17/2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Town of Edenton is pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Albemarle and Three Rivers Bridges.

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Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding. We look forward to supporting NCDOT as a local partner during the final design, construction, and operations of these rehabbed bridges.

Sincerely,

Corey Gooden Town Manager Town of Edenton

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November 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SI-Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Tyrrell County is pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Albemarle and Three Rivers Bridges.

This project will provide substantial rehabilitation to these two large deck river bridges that are essential to the mobility and prosperity of our region and specifically. Tyrrell County. Both bridges require substantial structural needs, with the substructure of both bridges being at or beyond poor condition.

If you are familiar with the transportation routes in Northeastern North Carolina, you then understand the critical nature of these roadways to movement of people and goods. These bridges are absolutely essential for Tyrrell County citizens to access essential services such as health care and employment. As these bridges serve as detour routes for each other, these condition issues could lead to substation regional transportation challenges, should one or both bridges be closed, or weight restricted. Additionally, these bridges connect Tyrrell County with a future Interstate route (I-87), which, when designated, will enhance economic prosperity in the region.

Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding. Tyrrell County stands ready to supporting NCDOT as a local partner during the final design, construction, and operations of these rehabbed bridges.

Sincerely

David F. Clegg County Manager County Attorney



## WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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November 17, 2023

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On behalf of the Washington County School Board, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Albemarle and Three Rivers Bridges.

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Sincerely,

David O. White, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent



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November 20, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Domtar is pleased to provide this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) application for federal discretionary grant funding for rehabilitation of the Albemarle Sound Bridge on NC32 and the Three Rivers Bridge on NC45. These bridges are essential to the function of our business, and we are hopeful that federal funding will be made available to rehabilitate them.

This project will provide substantial rehabilitation to these two large deck bridges that are essential to the mobility, safety, resilience, and prosperity of our region. Both bridges have substantial structural needs, with the substructure of both bridges being at or beyond poor condition. As these bridges serve as detour routes for each other, these condition issues could lead to major regional transportation challenges, should one or both bridges be closed, or weight restricted. If this were to happen, it would negatively impact our business and the regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding.

Sincerely,

Jan Martin

Jan Martin Director of Communications & Public Affairs Domtar Corporation

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Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for federal discretionary grant funding.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Creighto

Chief Executive Officer Colony Tire Corporation Cc: C. Scott Creighton Andrew Bergeron

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