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Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC, 20590

Subject: Certification of Financial Contribution BUILD Grant Application:
improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG)

Dear Secretary Chao:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation wishes to express its full support for the improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) project under the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program. This will facilitate the rationalization of roadway maintenance in the vicinity of Fort Bragg, yielding long-term savings and improved safety and design for all travelers in the vicinity of Fort Bragg.

The iBRAGG Project will reconstruct a set of roads located on the military reservation but outside the gates of the secure area to bring them back to a state of good repair. These roads were originally constructed by the military staff posted at the Fort and were intended for training use; in their current state, they do not meet North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) design specifications.

Upon confirmation that the roads have been repaired/or that the requisite resources have been secured to return the roads to at state of good repair, they will be transferred to NCDOT for operation and maintenance according to a Memorandum of Agreement signed by The U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Bragg North Carolina and the NCDOT. As part of the agreement, Fort Bragg will petition the NCDOT to add the roads to the State Highway System. This addition will be accomplished in accordance with NCDOT road addition procedures, which includes approval by the NCDOT Board of Transportation. Bringing the roads into a state of good repair and consistent with current state standards is a condition of making the transfer.

As demonstrated in the project narrative and letters of support, the project is needed to reconstruct the loop road network located outside the gates of the secure area on the Fort

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Bragg military reservation to bring them back to a state of good repair, enhancing rural-urban connectivity, increasing road safety, building broadband capabilities, and making the network more resilient. The Project will facilitate the upgrade of roadway maintenance in the rural vicinity of the base, yielding long term travel time, cost savings, and improved safety and design for base and non-base users. Once upgrades are complete, road operation and maintenance will transfer to NCDOT. The project is reflected in our mission statement:


Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.

To that end, the NCDOT will fund the improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) project in the amount of \$16,137,000.00 towards a successful BUILD grant from the state funded North Carolina Highway Trust Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of the improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) project for the 2019 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 707-4320 or via e-mail at erodewald@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

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