



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP OF
NORTH CAROLINA**

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The Honorable James H. Trogdon III
Secretary of Transportation
North Carolina Department of Transportation
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your continued leadership in strengthening North Carolina's already robust transportation infrastructure. As you know, economic development in our state not only depends on our strategic location, but the ability to connect that location with major domestic and global markets by way of road, rail, air, and sea. As the organization tasked with recruiting new business investment and expansion, all of us at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina are grateful for the work that you - and your thousands of colleagues at the North Carolina Department of Transportation - are doing every day towards this end.

Please accept this letter of support for the NCDOT's I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements Project application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2019 BUILD Program. We recognize how integral this project will be the long-term strategy to reconstruct North Carolina's transportation network for greater safety and resiliency, utilizing state-of-the-art technologies to increase performance and accommodate current and anticipated travel demands.

We believe the resulting impact to our state transportation system's performance will be nothing short of transformative, and the entire economy of Eastern North Carolina, a region that has lagged the rest of the state's economic expansion, stands to benefit significantly.

For these reasons, we support the I-95 Resiliency and Innovative Technology Improvements Project and the NCDOT's application for federal grant funds to accelerate this important construction endeavor.

Sincerely,

Christopher Chung
Chief Executive Officer