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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR WAKE FOREST S-LINE MOBILITY HUB**

Dear Secretary:

We support the Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for 2025. This grant is being submitted by the Town of Wake Forest in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

The Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub ("Mobility Hub") will serve to advance regional multimodal transportation along the S-Line Rail Corridor in central North Carolina – adding opportunities for local connections to goods and services, improving social equity in historically disadvantaged communities, supporting sustainable transportation, and spurring economic growth. This Mobility Hub will complete construction of a mobility hub in Wake Forest, NC – a key community in the overall S-Line Passenger Rail system. This Mobility Hub will be the first constructed mobility hub along the corridor. This effort builds off of significant federal grant awards for the design and construction of the S-Line Rail Corridor up to Wake Forest, and the previously awarded RAISE grant application for feasibility study, NEPA, and preliminary engineering of the Wake Forest Mobility Hub site.

This mobility hub will be a place of accessible, equitable multimodal connectivity, offering an integrated suite of mobility services, amenities, and supporting technologies, which will allow passengers to transfer modes in a safe and convenient manner. The Mobility Hub will allow this community to capitalize on the S-line corridor construction by optimizing first and last mile solutions and connect with each other.

The DCHC MPO is the regional transportation planning agency responsible for the western portion of NC's Research Triangle. Our partnership includes the City of Durham, the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough, the Counties of Durham, Orange, and Chatham, GoTriangle, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The S-Line corridor is historically significant to central North Carolina, and it will shape the future of the region in addition to significant corridor improvements along the North Carolina Railroad. The partnerships between Wake Forest and regional and state agencies will further multimodal, equitable, and accessible travel through the State, leading to new economic opportunities in communities whose histories have been greatly affected by the growth and decline of rail. The Mobility Hub will be an essential element in the reinvigoration, quality of life, growth, and overall vibrancy in our communities.

I respectfully urge your full consideration of the Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Plachcinski'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM  
DCHC MPO Executive Director