

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write regarding the *Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub* application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for 2024. This grant is being submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in partnership with the Town of Wake Forest.

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 opportunity in historically disadvantaged communities, supporting sustainable transportation, and spurring economic growth. This project will complete construction of a mobility hub in Wake Forest, NC – a key community in the overall S-Line Passenger Rail system. This effort builds upon significant federal grant awards for the design and construction of the S-Line Rail Corridor up to Wake Forest, as well as the previously awarded RAISE planning grant for a feasibility study, NEPA, and preliminary engineering of the Wake Forest Mobility Hub site.

This mobility hub will allow the community to capitalize on the S-line corridor construction by optimizing first and last mile solutions. It will be a place of accessible multimodal connectivity for all communities, 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 S-Line corridor will play a key role in the future of our region. The partnerships between Wake Forest and regional and state agencies will provide accessible travel throughout our state for North Carolinians of all backgrounds, leading to new economic opportunities in communities whose histories have been shaped by the growth and decline of rail.

For these reasons, we urge your full and fair consideration of the *Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub* grant application within all relevant rules and regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices for additional information about the project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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