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Secretary Sean Duffy
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for the Town of Wake Forest's Wake Forest Mobility Hub BUILD Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express my support for the Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub application for the 2025 Round 2 Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program. 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 award will complete the Wake Forest Mobility Hub's construction – and will serve as a key link in the overall S-Line Passenger Rail system. This Mobility Hub will be the first constructed mobility hub along the S-Line corridor.

This effort builds upon significant federal grant awards for the design and construction of the S-Line Rail Corridor from Raleigh to Wake Forest, and the recent 2025 Round 1 RAISE grant award for feasibility study, NEPA, and preliminary engineering of the Wake Forest Mobility Hub site. Wake Forest is submitting this application in Round 2 for additional funds needed to complete the construction of this important project.

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 S-Line corridor is historically significant to central North Carolina, and it will shape the future of transportation in the region. 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

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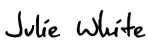
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rail. The Mobility Hub will be an essential element in the reinvigoration, quality of life, growth, and overall vibrancy in our communities.

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

Sincerely,

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