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

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Dear Secretary:

I am writing to express my support for 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 our multimodal transportation capacities – including jobs, amenities, and recreation. This Mobility Hub will complete construction of a mobility hub in Wake Forest, NC – our closest connection to the 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.

Youngsville's residents are frequent visitors to Wake Forest's downtown area, and much of our connectivity to the Greater Raleigh area is through Wake Forest. The Town anticipates our residents using this mobility hub to access the capital, the rest of the state, and the great amenities that additional connectivity provide. In particular, Youngsville's residents would love the opportunity to not have to wait in traffic when they commute into the Raleigh area for employment. The *Mobility Hub* will allow our residents to capitalize on the S-line corridor construction by optimizing first and last mile solutions and connect with each other.

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

Sincerely,

Town Manager