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The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Letter of Financial Commitment - FY 2026 Grant Application for Bridges not Barriers – A Collaborative Bridge Bundle Replacement Project

To Secretary Duffy:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is pleased to provide this letter of financial commitment for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program Project, Bridges not Barriers – A Collaborative Bridge Bundle Replacement Project.

The Project proposes to replace 15 bridges experiencing a variety of issues including flooding, drift, and/or scour maintained by NCDOT across Division 10 in North Carolina, including Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Stanly, and Union Counties. Nine of the bridges experience recurring flooding, and four structures are low water bridges that are susceptible to extreme weather events. Twelve bridges are load posted and nine experience scour. Five structures experience significant drift that needs to be cleared out regularly, significantly increasing operations and maintenance costs. The project is part of a coordinated effort to replace rural bridges in underserved communities across the Division, as well as local farmers getting products to market. The replacement of these bridges is anticipated to cost \$30,001,950.

NCDOT is submitting a request for \$22,437,075 to construct the project and acknowledges a non-federal commitment of \$7,564,875. It is anticipated that these funds will come from the Division's Bridge Funds and Structures Management Unit (SMU) Funds. The Department is hopeful this award could significantly offset costs of the project, expanding the impact of traditional state funding methods. NCDOT fully commits to pursuing all options available to fund the required match for the implementation of this project if it is awarded.

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Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's Bridges not Barriers – A Collaborative Bridge Bundle Replacement Project. If you have any questions, please call 919-418-5858 or email [mnewsome2@ncdot.gov](mailto:mnewsome2@ncdot.gov).

Sincerely,

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