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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 BUILD Planning Grant Application: SAFE
(Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) - North Carolina Truck Parking Action
Plan

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wishes to express its full support for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) - North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan grant application under the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program. The Plan will assess truck parking supply and demand and leverage this information and stakeholder insight to develop actionable strategies, including new public truck parking capacity and technology projects to support safe and efficient goods movement in North Carolina.

Federal regulations on Hours-of-Service and electronic logging device mandates, combined with population growth, increases in e-commerce, and industrial expansion, have led to a surge in truck parking demand in North Carolina. Based on data collected in 2022, 94 percent of North Carolina's truck parking spaces were full most nights. This situation, in part, led to over 9,200 instances of unauthorized parking on interchange ramps and local streets near truck parking facilities. Unauthorized parking creates safety issues, particularly on interstate highway ramps (where unauthorized parking frequently occurs), and causes damage to ramps and other highway infrastructure. Truck parking demand continues to increase, and based on current projections, total truck tonnage in North Carolina is anticipated to grow by more than 50 percent through 2050.

The Plan will address this situation by identifying existing and future truck parking hotspots along interstate corridors, developing strategies to address safety, congestion, and community impacts of truck parking, and identifying a priority list of projects that improve truck parking capacity and facilitate safe, secure, reliable, and cost-effective parking for shippers, helping to support North Carolina businesses. The Action Plan will include project concepts, costs, and environmental screening, positioning the top projects to compete for funding sources, including BUILD construction grants. The projects will consider public-private partnerships to expand truck parking facilities.

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The SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) - Truck Parking Action Plan project directly supports NCDOT's mission statement:

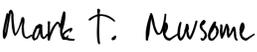
Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.

NCDOT is submitting a request for \$800,000 in BUILD grant funds to develop the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) - North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan and acknowledges a non-federal commitment of \$200,000. These funds will come from the Feasibility Studies Unit Funds.

Thank you for your consideration of the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) - Truck Parking Action Plan for the 2026 BUILD Planning Grant.

If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-418-5858 or via e-mail at mnewsome2@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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