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Secretary Sean Duffy
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Greensboro - SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, I write in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s BUILD application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) Truck Parking Action Plan. SAFE will evaluate truck parking supply and demand statewide and develop implementation-ready projects, including expanded public parking capacity and technology solutions to improve safety and freight efficiency.

Hours-of-Service regulations, electronic logging requirements, population growth, e-commerce expansion, and industrial development have sharply increased demand for truck parking in North Carolina. In 2022, 94% of truck parking spaces were full most nights, contributing to 9,200 instances of unauthorized overnight parking. Demand is expected to continue rising, with statewide truck tonnage projected to grow by more than 50% by 2050.

SAFE will identify current and future parking hotspots along interstate corridors, develop strategies to reduce safety risks, congestion, and community impacts, and advance projects with defined costs and environmental screening to position them for funding. The Plan will also explore public-private partnerships to expand truck parking capacity in support of North Carolina businesses.

From the MPO’s perspective, truck parking is directly tied to freight safety, reliability, and economic performance along our Strategic Freight Network. Our 2050 MTP Freight Chapter identifies Greensboro as a high-need area for additional truck parking and supports expanding facilities near key corridors such as U.S. 421 and I-85, prioritizing expansion of existing sites, and piloting real-time parking information systems, with a goal of eliminating shortages by 2035. The SAFE Truck Parking Action Plan aligns with these adopted priorities and will help advance safety, reduce delay, and strengthen goods movement in our region.

The MPO supports the application and encourages USDOT to award BUILD funding to NCDOT. Federal support will enable North Carolina to advance projects that address current and future truck parking needs, improving safety for all roadway users, reducing freight costs, strengthening business productivity, and minimizing the community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,

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