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

Subject: Certification of Financial Contribution
2024 Large Bridge Grant Bridge Investment Program (Large Grant BIP)
Application: I-95/US 301 Bridge Replacements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wishes to express its full support for the I-95/US 301 Bridge Replacement application under the United States Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The I-95/US 301 Bridge Replacement Project seeks BIP Bridge Project Grant funds to allow NCDOT to replace aging and deficient bridges on the vital I-95 and US 301 corridors in Johnston County, North Carolina.

The State of North Carolina understands the importance of maintaining a sustainable freight network. I-95 is a part of the National Highway System, a Strategic Transportation Corridor, and a key route for tourists and goods throughout the east coast of the United States. US 301 is the vital redundant route that provides resiliency for the system.

The project will replace seven bridges. The two bridges on US 301 date back to the 1920s and all of the structures were constructed or rehabilitated when I-95 was constructed in the late 1950s. The project area includes three census tracts classified as Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDCs).

The I-95/US 301 Bridge Replacements Project is reflected in our 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.

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To that end, the NCDOT will fund the I-95/US 301 Large Bridge application in the amount of \$29,450,000 (2024\$) using a combination of Statewide Mobility and Regional Impact funds as a match of non-federal, state funds. NCDOT will also commit \$44,800,000 (2024\$) of other federal funding as match for the project.

Thank you for your consideration of the I-95/US 301 Bridge Replacement Project for the 2024 Bridge Investment Program Bridge Project Grant.

If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 707-4320 or via e-mail at mnewsome2@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

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