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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 2022 NSFLTP Grant Application:  
***Continuing Corridor K: Connecting People, Goods, and Services***

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wishes to express its full support for the ***Continuing Corridor K: Connecting People, Goods, and Services*** project under the United States Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Discretionary Grant Program. The ***Continuing Corridor K*** project is a nationally and regionally significant project in Western North Carolina that is within and provides access to Tribal Transportation Facilities, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Territory, the Nantahala National Forest, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and is within 10 miles of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

If awarded, the ***Continuing Corridor K*** project will provide vital resources for the Appalachian Region of Western North Carolina. STIP Project A-0009C will complete one of the final sections of Corridor K of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) in Western North Carolina. This project improves the current three lane section of US 129 and NC 143 in Robbinsville and corrects the two-lane deficient roadway typical of NC 143 and NC 28 from Robbinsville to Stecoah. These improvements include a land bridge for wildlife and pedestrians in Robbinsville at the Appalachian Trail crossing on NC 143, and near Stecoah, wider 8-foot shoulders including a 4-foot paved shoulder, improved horizontal and vertical alignments, and climbing and passing lanes. STIP Project A-0009C will enhance mobility and the economic vitality of Graham County through providing a reliable, safe transportation network for all users.

To that end, the NCDOT will fund the ***Continuing Corridor K*** project in the amount of \$272 Million in Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) Program funds towards a successful NSFLTP grant.

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Thank you for your consideration of the *Continuing Corridor K: Connecting People, Goods, and Services* project for the 2022 NSFLTP Discretionary Grant Program.

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

Sincerely,

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