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July 16, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Financial Commitment - FY 2026 Grant Application for improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wishes to express its full support for the improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) grant application under the United States Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program. iBRAGG seeks NSFLTP funds to allow NCDOT to enhance safety and preserve critical transportation infrastructure along N.C. 690 in Moore County, southeast of Vass, between McLaughlin Road/J. Burns Road (S.R. 1014) and Buffalo Creek.

N.C. 690 serves as a critical access route to Fort Bragg, one of the largest and most strategically important military installations in the nation. The corridor supports daily travel by military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, residents, and visitors while connecting rural Moore County communities to employment centers, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and commercial destinations. In addition, N.C. 690 provides an important route for the movement of agricultural and forestry products, supporting local farms, timber operations, and related industries that contribute to the region's economy. By enhancing the safety and reliability of this transportation link, the Project will improve access to significant federal resources and facilities, strengthen military readiness, support the efficient movement of people and goods, promote regional economic activity, and enhance mobility for surrounding communities.

This important project will improve roadway safety, strengthen access to critical federal resources, preserve essential transportation infrastructure, and promote reliable transportation connections that support military readiness, economic growth, freight mobility, and community connectivity.

The iBRAGG 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 iBRAGG application in the amount of \$3,510,000.00 towards a successful NSFLTP grant from the non-federal match, NCDOT State Highway Trust Funds.

Thank you for your consideration of the iBRAGG project for the 2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program.

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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