

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

John L. Lowery | Lumbee Tribal Chairman



July 14, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) competitive grant program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, section 11127) provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and Tribal lands. This program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and Tribal lands.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina in North Carolina fully supports and is willing to sponsor the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) "improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG)" NSFLTP grant application to upgrade NC 690 from US 1 in the Town of Vass to the Cumberland County line that provides access to and through southeastern Moore County, North Carolina. iBRAGG, also known as State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) project R-5824, seeks funding to improve intersections; construct turn lanes at various locations; and realign some sections of NC 690 (Lobelia Road) southeast of Vass. This important project will increase safety on this section of Lobelia Road for travelers, including many Lumbee members traveling to and from Fort Bragg.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina appreciates its partnership with NCDOT in improving transportation safety and providing more reliable access for rural travelers throughout southeastern North Carolina. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lowery", written over a large, faint, light-gray watermark of the word "LUMBEE" that spans across the middle of the page.

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