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October 17, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

As the Representative for North Carolina House District 36, I strongly support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's application for PROTECT Competitive Grant funding for the Wake County Bridge No. 371 (Project) resilience project on Holly Springs New Hill Road (SR 1152), a project intended to reduce recurrent flooding impacts, improve transportation-system resilience, and strengthen emergency-access reliability. The project is being developed under the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to demonstrate transportation resilience benefits, community resilience, and evacuation-route benefits.

Bridge 371 and the adjacent Holly Springs New Hill Road corridor experience recurring flooding associated with the White Oak Creek floodplain, resulting in roadway overtopping, temporary closures, and transportation disruptions. NCDOT's proposed project would replace or improve the crossing, elevate approximately 2,000 feet of roadway, and enhance drainage and hydraulic performance to improve long-term resilience.

As a key connection between US 1 and NC 55 carrying approximately 7,900 vehicles per day, the corridor supports residents, businesses, emergency responders, and an important emergency access and evacuation function associated with the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. When flooding occurs, closures can require an approximate nine-mile detour, delay emergency response, disrupt community access, and expose motorists to hazardous flood conditions.

Holly Springs is rapidly growing alongside the rest of Wake County, and that means my constituents depend on major arteries like Holly Springs New Hill Road more than ever. It also

means the recurring flooding this project will address is more disruptive than ever. Wake County is the fifth fastest-growing county in the country by numeric growth, and Holly Springs is one of the fastest-growing areas in Wake County. This project is vital to helping the town and county meet the challenges of that growth.

By reducing flooding-related closures and strengthening evacuation and emergency access reliability, the project would improve the resilience, safety, and continuity of this critical transportation corridor. I urge FHWA to give NCDOT's application full consideration and support the timely implementation of the project.

Sincerely,

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Representative Julie von Haefen
NC House District 36, Wake County
(Apex, Holly Springs, Cary)



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

October 10, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the North Carolina Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), I strongly support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's application for PROTECT Competitive Grant funding for the Wake County Bridge No. 371 (Project) resilience project on Holly Springs New Hill Road (SR 1152), a project intended to reduce recurrent flooding impacts, improve transportation-system resilience, and strengthen emergency-access reliability. The project is being developed under the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to demonstrate transportation resilience benefits, community resilience, and evacuation-route benefits.

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By reducing flooding-related closures and strengthening evacuation and emergency access reliability, the project would improve the resilience, safety, and continuity of this critical transportation corridor. CAMPO urges FHWA to give NCDOT's application full consideration and support the timely implementation of this Project.

Sincerely,

Chris Lukasina, AICP, GISP
Executive Director
NC Capital Area MPO

October 7, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

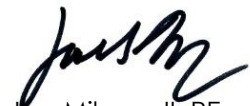
On behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance, the voice of the regional business community in North Carolina's Research Triangle region, we strongly support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's application for PROTECT Competitive Grant funding for the Wake County Bridge No. 371 resilience project on Holly Springs New Hill Road (SR 1152).

This project will reduce recurrent flooding impacts and strengthen a vital emergency access and evacuation function associated with the nearby Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. NCDOT's proposed project would accelerate the bridge replacement, elevate approximately 2,000 feet of roadway, and enhance drainage and hydraulic performance to improve long-term resilience.

As a key connection from the US 1 freeway, the corridor supports residents, businesses, and emergency responders. This improvement will eliminate the nine-mile detour that flood conditions can cause for emergency response and community access as well as school bus rerouting.

We support the timely implementation of this project, and we thank you for your consideration of this funding request. Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or joe@letsgetmoving.org with questions.

Sincerely,



Joe Milazzo II, PE
Executive Director,
Regional Transportation Alliance



October 5, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Holly Springs in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's application for a Resilience Improvement Grant through the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to replace Bridge No. 371 (Project BP5.R094) on Holly Springs New Hill Road (SR 1152) in Wake County.

NCDOT's proposed project would replace or improve the crossing, elevate approximately 2,000 feet of adjacent roadway, and enhance drainage and hydraulic performance. Holly Springs New Hill Road is an important east-west connection between US 1 and NC 55, carries approximately 7,900 vehicles per day, and serves residents, travelers, and emergency responders. The route also serves an important emergency-access and evacuation function associated with the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. When flooding closes the corridor, travelers can face an approximately nine-mile detour, emergency response can be delayed, and community access can be disrupted.

The Town of Holly Springs supports NCDOT's efforts to advance the project because it will help reduce flooding-related disruptions, improve transportation-system resilience, and maintain reliable access during routine and severe weather events. By reducing roadway closures, minimizing detours, and strengthening emergency access and evacuation route reliability, the project will provide important benefits to residents, businesses, emergency responders, and the broader region. The Town encourages FHWA to give NCDOT's application full consideration and supports implementation of this important resilience investment.

Sincerely,

Mike Kondratick
Mayor

Randy Harrington
Town Manager

Town of Holly Springs, Office of the Mayor

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October 7, 2026

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Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

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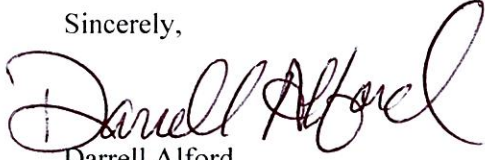
The area around this bridge has a long history of flooding leading not only to road closures, but often vehicles being trapped in flood waters. Recent flooding and road closures in this area, often for days at a time, include:

- April of 2017
- August of 2020
- January of 2021
- August of 2024
- September of 2024
- April of 2026
- July of 2026

The Wake County Fire Commission has established a 7-minute travel time goal for the first arriving fire apparatus in unincorporated Wake County. When this bridge closes or the road is closed due to flooding, the detour has the potential to add an additional 10 minutes to the response time of first responders.

By reducing flooding-related closures and strengthening evacuation and emergency access reliability, the project would improve the resilience, safety, and continuity of this critical transportation corridor. Wake County Fire Services and Emergency Management urges FHWA to give NCDOT's application full consideration and support the timely implementation of the Project.

Sincerely,

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Darrell Alford

Director

Wake County Fire Services and Emergency Management