

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:

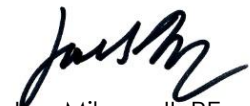
On behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance, the voice of the regional business community in North Carolina's Research Triangle region, we strongly support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's application for PROTECT Competitive Grant funding for the Wake County Bridge No. 371 resilience 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,



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