



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,

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