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October 8, 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 Franklin County 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. 99 on Clifton Pond Road (SR 1103) over Crooked Creek.

The existing bridge is immediately downstream of a historic masonry dam that has recently been reclassified as high hazard. NCDOT's technical evaluations indicate that significant bridge repairs or replacement near the existing alignment would be constrained by vibration and dam-safety risks. The proposed upstream alignment would move the bridge farther from the dam, reduce construction-related risk to the dam. The current roadway is a critical infrastructure component that allows the Bunn Fire Department to provide emergency services to the Triangle North Executive Airport which has an annual economic impact of over \$85,000,000 to the County.

Franklin County strongly supports NCDOT's proposed replacement and realignment of Bridge No. 99. This investment would improve emergency access, transportation reliability, and long-term resilience for the residents and public services that rely on Clifton Pond Road. I urge the Federal Highway Administration to give the application favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Preble', is written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Preble, County Manager

To provide and support exemplary public service and expand economic opportunities.



October 7, 2026

Diane Cox
Executive Director

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Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing on behalf of Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) application for a Resilience Improvement Grant through the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to replace and realign Bridge No. 99 (Project) on Clifton Pond Road (SR 1103) over Crooked Creek in Franklin County.

Bridge No. 99 is in poor condition and currently operates under a 7-ton weight restriction that prevents fire trucks and full-sized school buses from using the crossing. During past closures, emergency responders relied on alternate routes, increasing response times in portions of the service area. A long-term closure would further disrupt access for residents and essential public services.

The existing bridge is immediately downstream of a historic masonry dam that was recently reclassified as high hazard. NCDOT's technical evaluations indicate that significant bridge repairs or replacement near the existing alignment would be constrained by vibration and dam safety risks. The proposed upstream alignment would move the bridge farther from the dam, reduce construction-related risk to the dam, and provide a more dependable transportation connection.

The proposed bridge replacement as an important investment in the region's transportation infrastructure. Reliable and safe bridges are essential to maintaining connectivity, supporting access to jobs and essential services, facilitating the movement of goods, and strengthening the overall economic vitality of our communities. Replacing aging infrastructure will improve safety and reliability while helping ensure our transportation network can meet the current and future needs of residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the region.

For these reasons, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments strongly supports NCDOT's proposed replacement and realignment of Bridge No. 99 and urges the Federal Highway Administration to give the application favorable consideration. This investment would improve emergency access, transportation reliability, and long-term resilience for the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Diane Cox
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Diane Cox, Executive Director
Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments



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October 7, 2026

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Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

As NC House Representative for District 7, which includes Franklin County, I am pleased to support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) application for a Resilience Improvement Grant through the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to replace and realign Bridge No. 99 (Project) on Clifton Pond Road (SR 1103) over Crooked Creek in Franklin County.

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For these reasons, I strongly support NCDOT's proposed replacement and realignment of Bridge No. 99 and respectfully urge the Federal Highway Administration to give the application favorable consideration. This investment would improve emergency access, transportation reliability, and long-term resilience for my district and its constituents.

Sincerely,

Matthew Winslow





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October 6, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

As a member of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Franklin County, I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) application for a Resilience Improvement Grant through the PROTECT Competitive Grant Program to replace and realign Bridge No. 99 (Project) on Clifton Bond Road (SR 1103) over Crooked Creek in Franklin County.

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As the State Senator representing Franklin County, I regularly hear from residents about the importance of safe and reliable transportation infrastructure. Bridge No. 99 serves residents, families, and essential services in the surrounding community, and its current weight restriction creates particular challenges for emergency response and school transportation. Replacing and realigning the bridge would help ensure that fire trucks, school buses, and other essential vehicles can use this crossing safely and reliably without relying on longer alternate routes.

For these reasons, I strongly support NCDOT's proposed replacement and realignment of Bridge No. 00 and urge the Federal Highway Administration to give the application favorable consideration. This investment would improve emergency access, transportation reliability, and long-term resilience for the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "B".

Senator Lisa S. Barnes
District 11