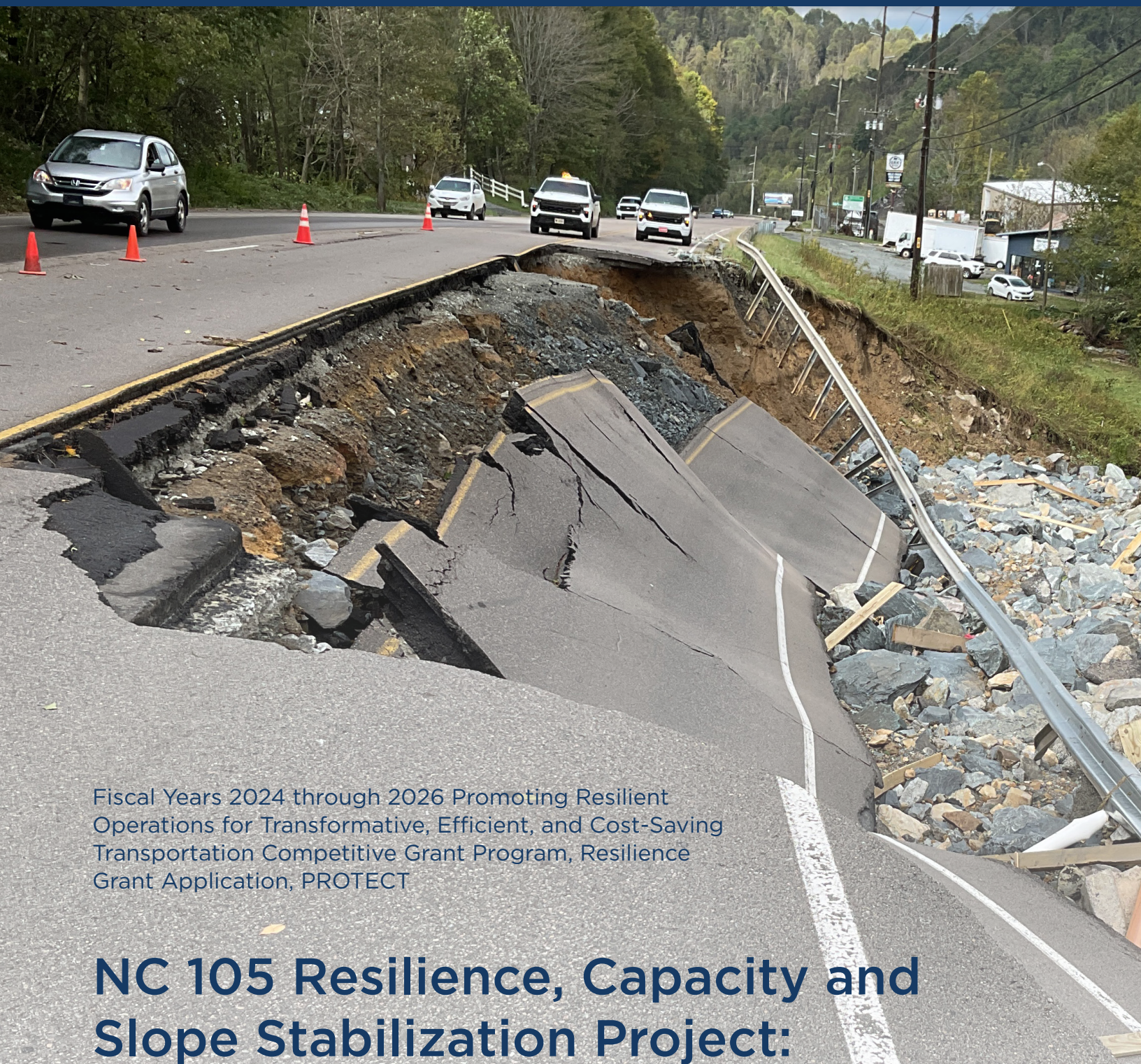


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NC 105 Resilience, Capacity and Slope Stabilization Project: Securing a Critical Mountain Corridor

NCDOT Priority #10

Applicant:
North Carolina Department of Transportation

Letter of Financial Commitment

October 9, 2026

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Financial Commitment - FY 2024-2026 Grant Application for the NC 105 Resilience, Capacity and Slope Stabilization Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The project applicant, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), intends to commit: 1) $9M (13%) to match the $60M grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program PROTECT request; and 2) $14.9M (20%) to match funds from the National Highway Performance Program (80%) for the NC 105 Resilience, Capacity and Slope Stabilization Project (the Project). The total $23.9M of matching funds for the Project will come from NCDOT's State Highway Trust Fund (HTF).

This important project involves widening the roadway to accommodate safer traffic flow, installing high-capacity modern drainage systems, optimizing intersection safety, and implementing critical geotechnical slope-stabilization techniques to prevent structural washouts and rockslides. Taken together, these improvements will reduce congestion on NC 105, reduce rear-end and run-off road crashes, and improve bicycle facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of the Project for the FY 2024-2026 PROTECT Competitive Grant Program. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 919-418-5858 or mnewsome2@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Mark Newsome
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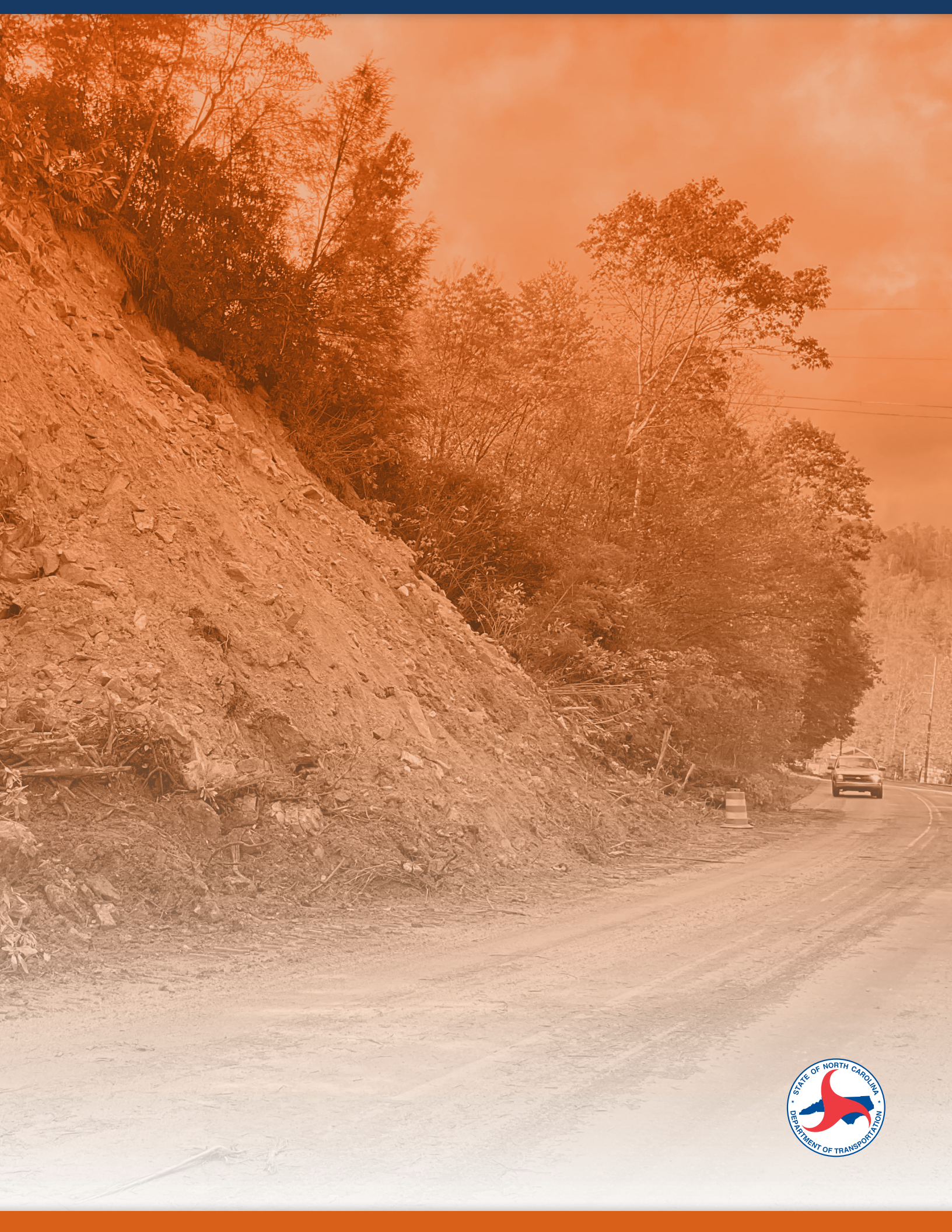
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