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The NC 88 Mountain Corridor Resilience and Stabilization Project

Letter of Commitment

NCDOT Priority #11

Applicant:
North Carolina Department of Transportation

October 9, 2026

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 8, 2026

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 88 Mountain Corridor Resilience and Stabilization Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The project applicant, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), intends to commit $11.5M and (14% of total eligible project cost) from NCDOT's State Highway Trust Fund (HTF) in matching funds for the NC 88 Mountain Corridor Resilience and Stabilization Project (the Project) grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program.

This important project will modernize and fortify a highly vulnerable 3.76-mile mountainous section of NC 88 stretching from the NC 194 intersection in Smethport to the NC 194/NW School Road intersection in Warrensville.

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:
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