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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Secretary Buttigieg:

Wake County is pleased to submit this letter of support for the **North Carolina Regional S-Line Mobility Hub Plan** application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

In 2016, Wake County voters approved a local option sales tax to support a major transit expansion in an area that is adding approximately 60 people per day. Wake Transit investments will triple the existing level of bus service by expanding 17 miles of frequent bus service to 99 miles and providing connection services to all Wake County communities, including Wake Forest.

These investments in local transit along with supportive and focused development will help Wake County meet its economic, equity and environmental goals over the coming years and enhance the County's role as a key regional origin and destination. The proposed improvements to the S-line will better link the County to nearby communities and the larger corridor and expand opportunity, flexibility, and options.

The Mobility Hub Plan will focus on defining the scope and physical location of the key mobility hubs along the S-line corridor. The Plan will build on previous efforts to further evaluate potential environmental impacts, and complete preliminary design activities. Over time, the mobility hubs will better address issues of social equity in communities by expanding access to jobs, healthy food, recreation, and social services. By planning and designing future S-Line rail stations as mobility hubs and strengthening the reach of the local investments, like Wake Transit, each community will be prepared to maximize the benefits of the rail service by optimizing first and last mile solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of the *North Carolina Regional S-Line Mobility Hub Plan*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Ellis".

David Ellis
County Manager