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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The program of investments outlined in the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) *improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth* Project (iBRAGG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program offers an opportunity for central North Carolina to Build Back Better. If funded, the iBRAGG Project will enable the transfer of approximately 47 miles of Fort Bragg roadway network to the North Carolina State Highway System. Thereafter, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) will be responsible for future construction, maintenance, and repair activities. This transfer shifts these responsibilities to an agency that is better equipped to maintain roads to a higher quality at a lower cost. A Memorandum of Agreement and an Intergovernmental Support Agreement have been signed by both NCDOT and United States Army Garrison at Fort Bragg and are provided in the supplemental materials included with this application.

In accordance with the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program guidance, we are requesting a waiver from the local non-federal match requirement, as permitted for rural projects. Our funding partner for this project, Fort Bragg is providing \$4.62 million in funding. However, as a military installation, Fort Bragg's funding cannot be counted as state or local match.

Sincerely,

Hank Graham, AICP
Executive Director
Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization