

February 9, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of RTA, the voice of the regional business community on transportation in the Research Triangle area, I am writing to express our support for the Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub application for the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for 2024, submitted by NCDOT in concert with the Town of Wake Forest.

The Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub ("Mobility Hub") will serve to advance regional multimodal transportation along the S-Line Rail Corridor in central North Carolina – adding opportunities for local connections to goods and services, improving social equity in historically disadvantaged communities, supporting sustainable transportation, and spurring economic growth.

This effort builds off significant federal grant awards including the design and construction of the S-Line Rail Corridor. The Hub will optimize first and last mile solutions along the corridor.

The RTA business coalition represents more than 100 leading companies and 25 chambers of commerce across 13 counties, including Wilson County. We are committed to mobility solutions that improve the lives and economy of our region, which this vital mobility hub will do.

I respectfully urge your full consideration of the Wake Forest S-Line Mobility Hub grant application. Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or joe@letsgetmoving.org with questions.

Sincerely,



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Regional Transportation Alliance