

RESOLUTION 2024-14

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE S-LINE RAIL CORRIDOR AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDING TO MATCH A FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MOBILITY HUB DESIGN AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has a long tradition of progressing successful passenger and freight rail projects and supporting the development of rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has worked with state, regional, and federal partners to develop plans for the federally-designated Southeast Corridor ("S-Line"), a passenger and freight rail network extending from Washington, D.C. through North Carolina to Jacksonville, Fla.; and

WHEREAS, a Record of Decision to develop the Raleigh to Richmond portion of the Southeast Corridor was approved by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) in March 2017, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the development of the S-Line corridor supports and promotes economic development in communities along the corridor, including those in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide greater access to jobs, health care, and education and provide new options for the movement of both goods and people; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide efficient and reliable commuting options for communities and businesses along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT is working with communities along the S-Line to plan stations, mobility hubs, infrastructure needs, and other land use considerations to prepare for rail service and maximize mobility options in each community; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT and communities along the S-Line corridor are pursuing a federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant opportunity to design and construct mobility hubs and associated connections to improve access for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, communities participating in the RAISE grant application must provide a local 20% match (\$3,300,000) for their portion of the grant application;

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Town of Wake Forest hereby authorize to commit \$3,300,000 as the 20% match for the grant and supports further design and construction efforts of the S-Line rail corridor, including mobility hubs and related infrastructure needs.

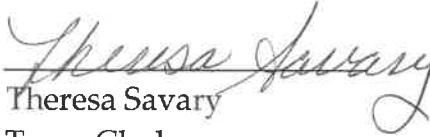
Duly adopted this 20th day of February 2024.



Vivian A. Jones

Mayor

(ATTEST)



Theresa Savary

Town Clerk

