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September 27, 2023

Administrator Amit Bose
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

Dear Administrator Bose,

The Rail Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation has asked North Carolina Railroad (“NCR”) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) to write a letter of support for the FY23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Application for the **NCDOT Mobility Hub at Research Triangle Park (“RTP”) along the NCR NC line within the NCR Corridor** (the “Project”). NCR owns the right of way affected by the Project, and NSR holds certain freight operating rights over the NCR right of way under a July 27, 1999 Master Agreement between NCR and NSR (“Master Agreement”). NCR and NSR are willing to express our conditional support for this Project.

The Project consists of a study of the opportunity to provide access to and improve mobility within the RTP by developing and constructing a mobility hub location along the NCR Corridor between Cary and Durham. NCR and NSR support for the Project is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. The Project must determine what infrastructure and other measures will be required as part of the Project to provide a mobility hub location within the NCR Corridor that is designed and constructed to protect the safety of all stakeholders, including rail passengers, NSR and any other freight rail operators/maintainers, NCR, and the traveling public.
2. The Project will not preclude future track and rail infrastructure in support of future freight rail services.
3. The Project must determine any requirements for third party utilities or encroachments into the NCR Corridor associated with the Project, which should be accommodated through the scope of the eventual facility design and construction and without disruption to railroad operations along the corridor.
4. The Project must ensure compliance with environmental requirements, including appropriate review of alternatives involving rail and other modes of mobility that consider

interaction with the NCRR Corridor. This environmental compliance includes ensuring equitable community engagement is sustained throughout Project development.

5. The Project must consider all of NSR's safety, operating, clearance, and insurance requirements, as well as any other considerations as contemplated by NSR's public improvement project process.
6. Nothing within this letter of support affects any of the rights, privileges, or obligations between NSR and NCRR under the Master Agreement.

This letter of support does not constitute approval of the Project or any associated plans, designs, or agreements by NCRR or NSR, all of which are subject to further evaluation by NCRR and NSR as they are developed.

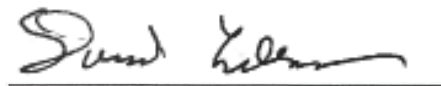
Sincerely,

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Signature

Patricia Haver
SVP Strategic Planning and Development
North Carolina Railroad

Sincerely,

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Signature

David Lehlbach
AVP Strategic Planning
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