

September 21, 2023

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 the Regional Transportation Alliance, the voice of the regional business community on transportation in the Research Triangle region, I am writing to express our support for the North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program application for the RCN Program for fiscal year 2023.

RTA has more than 150 members, including more than 25 member chambers of commerce across 13 counties in central North Carolina. Our regional leadership team consists of prominent, engaged companies in a variety of economic sectors including life sciences, technology, banking, utilities, and more, as well as major research universities and transportation partners.

The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and other communities along the S-Line corridor are cooperatively submitting this grant application.

The North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program ("Mobility Hub Program") will advance regional multimodal transportation along the S-Line 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 Mobility Hub Program will build on the planning and preliminary design work for each mobility hub detailed in prior S-Line Mobility Hub Plan that was awarded RAISE funding for completion. This Mobility Hub Program will move each mobility hub forward to a shovel-ready phase or construction.

The RCN Program will jumpstart the creation of the mobility hubs, reactivating the communities along the S-line corridor and their neighboring jurisdictions.

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

Sincerely,

Joe Milazzo II, PE Executive Director, Regional Transportation Alliance