



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

September 20, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express support for the **North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program** application for the Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program for fiscal year 2023. This grant is being submitted in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and other communities along the S-Line corridor.

The **North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program** ("**Mobility Hub Program**") will serve to advance regional multimodal transportation along the S-Line Rail Corridor in – 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 detailed in the North Carolina 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.

Each hub will be a place of accessible, multimodal connectivity, allowing passengers to transfer modes in a safe and convenient manner. The RCN Program would continue impactful work toward creation of mobility hubs. The **Mobility Hub Program** will allow communities to capitalize on the S-line corridor construction by optimizing first and last mile solutions and connect with each other.

As a significant destination for tourism, home to golf facilities that welcome the world for championship play across a broad spectrum of demographics, and an economically diverse community seeking first and last mile solutions to ever growing transportation challenges in commuting to employment and service opportunities, Southern Pines fully supports efforts seeking solutions to mobility challenges.

The S-Line corridor is historically significant to North Carolina, and it will shape the future of the region. Partnerships between communities along the S-Line and regional and state agencies will further multimodal, equitable, and accessible travel, leading to new economic opportunities in communities whose histories have been greatly affected by the growth and decline of rail. The **Mobility Hub Program** will be an essential piece in the reinvigoration, quality of life, growth, and overall vibrancy in our communities.

I respectfully urge your full consideration of the **North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program** grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Haney" with a checkmark at the end.

Carol Haney  
Town of Southern Pines Mayor