



February 9, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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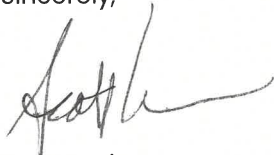


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As the administrator and steward of RTP, the Research Triangle Foundation has partnered and worked closely with GoTriangle to develop a vision for how the Triangle Mobility Hub can anchor a transformative and equitable transit-oriented development (TOD) future for the NC-54 corridor through RTP. Our organization has already invested \$200,000 in a planning-level study to develop a framework, vision, and concept plan for how we can leverage our 19-acre site for new TOD with an integrated Triangle Mobility Hub to catalyze this new development future for RTP. Our Board has endorsed the use of our property for the site of the Triangle Mobility Hub and recognizes that its construction – and federal investment to enable that construction – is essential to realizing a TOD future for RTP’s NC-54 corridor. We envision a future where RTP includes affordable housing, transit-supportive retail, civic and public uses, and office/commercial spaces in a dynamic, mixed-use environment served by multimodal transportation options. We strongly support the Triangle Mobility Hub as the first significant transit investment in RTP to allow us to move from vision to implementation.

In summary, the Research Triangle Foundation fully supports the efforts of GoTriangle in seeking to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project and will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. We look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Sincerely,



Scott Levitan

President & CEO

Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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J.R. "JOEY" HOPKINS
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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
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RE: Letter of Support- GoTriangle RAISE grant application

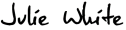
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) supports GoTriangle's Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Triangle Mobility Hub will anchor the regional transit network, improving mobility and access for Triangle residents, particularly disadvantaged populations with limited vehicle availability and enable Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE).

NCDOT's FY 2023 RCN application for mobility hub design and construction for communities along the S-Line rail corridor includes the intercity rail station infrastructure components of the Triangle Mobility Hub. Collectively these projects will connect rail passengers to local bus routes, microtransit, micromobility, rideshare, bus rapid transit, airport transportation, and other mobility options.

NCDOT is excited to collaborate with GoTriangle and other regional partners to envision, develop, and implement a twenty-first century mobility network that is responsive to current and future needs. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project, along with NCDOT's S-Line Mobility Hub application, are critical pieces of this vision and collaborative effort.

Sincerely,

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COUNTY OF DURHAM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:



On behalf of Durham County, I am writing to express our strong support of GoTriangle's **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Triangle Mobility Hub is critical to supporting shared economic prosperity and sustainable mobility in North Carolina's Triangle Region. The new intermodal transportation facility will anchor the regional transit network and enable **Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE)**. It will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents of historically disadvantaged communities with low or no vehicle ownership, with low incomes, and who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color that are burdened with poor air quality and limited access to everyday destinations. Without this regional priority, limited travel options will continue to hinder equitable access to opportunity across the region.


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The 2023 Durham County Transit Plan prioritized improving transit stops and stations and has partially funded the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project. GoTriangle's ability to receive

RAISE funding will allow this project to move forward more quickly to improve transit connectivity for the residents of Durham County. This project will result in our communities having greater access to well-paying jobs, world-class healthcare, higher education facilities, and other opportunities that can currently be challenging for them to reach. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project is a component of our efforts to make transportation more equitable within Durham County and reverse the negative impacts that historic transportation infrastructure has had on the most vulnerable members of our community.

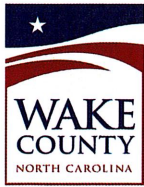
In summary, Durham County fully supports the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project and will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. I look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Sincerely,



Nida Allam, Chair

Durham County Board of County Commissioners



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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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RE: GoTriangle RAISE program application – Triangle Mobility Hub

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** project and the application to the Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

In 2016, Wake County voters approved a local option sales tax to support a major transit expansion in an area that is adding approximately 60 people per day. Wake Transit investments will triple the existing level of bus service by expanding 17 miles of frequent bus service to 99 miles and providing connection services to all Wake County communities. These investments in local transit along with supportive and focused development will help Wake County meet its economic, equity and environmental goals over the coming years and enhance the County's role as a key regional origin and destination. The Wake Transit investments will bring a transit stop within walking distance of more than 55 percent of homes and 81 percent of jobs in Wake County.

The construction of the Triangle Mobility Hub will allow the growth of regional bus services funded by Wake Transit. The Triangle Mobility Hub will support reliable, efficient, and customer-focused transit service in Wake County and the surrounding counties, and the County is fully supportive of this project.

Sincerely,

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David Ellis, County Manager
Wake County, NC

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January 3, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, I am writing to express our strong support of GoTriangle's **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Triangle Mobility Hub is critical to supporting shared economic prosperity and sustainable mobility in North Carolina's Triangle Region. The new intermodal transportation facility will anchor the regional transit network and enable **Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE)**. It will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents of historically disadvantaged communities with low or no vehicle ownership, with low incomes, and who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color that are burdened with poor air quality and limited access to everyday destinations. Without this regional priority, limited travel options will continue to hinder equitable access to opportunity across the region.

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The DCHC MPO is the regional organization responsible for transportation planning for the western half of the Triangle, including the proposed site for the Triangle Mobility Hub. The DCHC MPO supports GoTriangle, and local transit agencies in our region, through coordination of local transit plans and

integration of transportation projects across jurisdictional boundaries. The project is supported by local and regional transportation plans. The project is included within the MPO's Connect 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, in addition to the county transit plans for Orange and Durham counties. If the project is awarded federal funding, DCHC MPO would work with GoTriangle and NCDOT to program those funds in the State Transportation Improvement Program. The Triangle Mobility Hub would further DCHC MPO's goals of a comprehensive and multi-modal regional transportation network.

I fully support the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project and will continue to support this transformative project as we work together to meet the needs of the public.

Sincerely,

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Karen Howard, Board Chair
Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 16, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the North Carolina Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), I would like to express our strong support of GoTriangle's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program application for the **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** project. The Triangle Mobility Hub will anchor the regional transit network enabling Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE). The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents of historically disadvantaged communities with low or no vehicle ownership, with low incomes, and who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color that are burdened with poor air quality and limited access to everyday destinations. Without this regional priority, limited travel options will continue to hinder equitable access to opportunity across the region.

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NC Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) is the largest MPO in North Carolina and includes all or parts of six counties and over 1.2 million people. CAMPO has been working in partnership with GoTriangle for many years to realize the vision for a well-connected and integrated transit network across the Research Triangle region. This project has support from our region's communities, and all continue to work together to implement our shared regional transit vision.

In summary, CAMPO fully supports the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project and will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. I look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Sincerely,

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Chris Lukasina, AICP, GISP
NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Feb. 21, 2024

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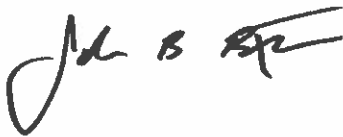
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Relocating GoTriangle's Regional Transit Center through the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will improve transit speed and reliability, address passenger amenity and operational needs, and provide new multi-modal connections. As a result, the new facility will increase equitable and sustainable access to destinations within Research Triangle Park and across the Triangle region of North Carolina. It will also allow for a regional transit connection

between Durham Technical Community College and the relocated Regional Transit Center in RTP, connecting Durham Tech students and employees with destinations throughout the Triangle region. In summary, we fully support the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project, and we will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. We look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Sincerely,

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J.B. Buxton,
Durham Technical Community College President



February 15, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Wake Technical Community College, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Triangle Mobility Hub will anchor the regional transit network enabling **Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE)**. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities burdened by large, congested highways and everyday destinations including shopping, healthcare, community facilities, parks, education, workforce training, and employment. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents with low or no vehicle ownership, those with low incomes, those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color, and students. For all these reasons, we support this project.

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Raleigh and Durham. In summary, we fully support the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project, and we will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. We look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Respectfully,

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R. Scott Ralls, Ph.D.
President
Wake Technical Community College

February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Durham Housing Authority, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Triangle Mobility Hub will anchor the regional transit network enabling **Sustainable, Prompt transit connections to Opportunities for Knowledge and Employment (SPOKE)**. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities burdened by the Durham Freeway (NC 147) and everyday destinations including shopping, healthcare, community facilities, parks, education, workforce training, and employment. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents with low or no vehicle ownership, those with low incomes, those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color, and students. For all these reasons, we support this project.

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Sincerely,



Anthony Scott, CEO
The Housing Authority of The City of Durham



February 16, 2024

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Lee Worsley
Executive Director

February 12, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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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 central North Carolina, I am writing to express support for the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

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We fully support the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek federal funding to advance the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project and will continue to support this transformative project as we work together to meet the needs of our regional community.

Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or joe@letsgetmoving.org with questions.

Sincerely,



Joe Milazzo II, PE
Executive Director,
Regional Transportation Alliance