

Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE Project

Appendix A – Letters of Support



September 25, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 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 Jow 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 and community prosperity imposed by the Durham Freeway.

Located in Research Triangle Park (RTP), the center of the growing and vibrant Triangle Region, the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will catalyze equitable development connected by high qualitytransit servicing communities across the Triangle. The project will enable the creation of a high-quality, frequent and reliable regional transit operated by battery-electric buses connecting Downtown Durham, North Carolina Central University, McDougald Terrace, Durham Technical Community College to RTP and the regional transit network at the Triangle Mobility Hub. RTP and GoTriangle envision creating and leveraging new community partnerships to incorporate affordable housing into the site and along high-quality regional transit routes to provide equitable access to transit and economic opportunity in the Triangle.

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





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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.

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September 21, 2023

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:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) supports GoTriangle's FY 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant application for the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project. The Triangle Mobility Hub will anchor the regional transit network, improving mobility and access for Triangle residents, particularly disadvantaged populations with limited vehicle availability. 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, micotransit, 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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September 26, 2023

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 Durham County, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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)**.

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The Durham County Transit Plan, approved in 2023, prioritized improving transit stops and stations and has partially funded the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project. The GoTriangle grant application will allow this project to move forward more quickly to improve transit connectivity for our residents. In summary, Durham County fully supports the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle

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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.

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Brenda Howerton, Chair Durham Board of County Commissioners



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September 25, 2023

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

RE: GoTriangle RCN program application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Wake County is pleased to submit this letter in support of GoTriangle's grant application for the **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** project.

In 2016, Wake County voters approved a local option sales tax to support a major transit expansion in a County that is adding 56 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 Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will support more reliable, efficient, and customer-focused transit service in Wake County and the Triangle region. The project aligns with the key pillars of the Wake Transit Vision Plan, and the County is fully supportive of the project.

Sincerely,

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September 25, 2023

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

RE: GOTRIANGLE TRIANGLE MOBILITY HUB AND SPOKE 2023 RCN APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board authorized this support letter for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities 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, 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 and community prosperity.

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In summary, the DCHC MPO Policy Board fully supports GoTriangle as they seek to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project.

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September 25, 2023

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 FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities and everyday destinations including shopping, healthcare, community facilities, parks, education, workforce training, and employment across the Research Triangle region. The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will provide affordable and sustainable mobility options to residents 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.

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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.

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September 21, 2023

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 Durham Technical Community College, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant application for the **Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE** project.

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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.

Transit is a critically important issue for both our students and employees. This action will also allow for a regional transit connection between Durham Technical Community College and the relocated Regional Transit Center in RTP, connecting Durham Tech with destinations throughout the Triangle region.

Durham Tech fully supports 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.

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A Commitment to Quality Living

September 26, 2023

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 FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 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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Anthony Scott, CEO

The Housing Authority of the City of Durham

Office of the Chancellor



September 27, 2023

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 North Carolina Central University, I would like to express our strong support for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 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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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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September 18, 2023

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 FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 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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developing downtowns of 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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September 20, 2023

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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For these reasons, I urge your full and fair consideration, within all applicable rules of regulations, of GoTriangle's application as it seeks to fund the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for additional information about the project.

Very truly yours,

Chk Km

Deborah K. Ross Member of Congress

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September 20, 2023

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September 26, 2023

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:

I write in strong support of GoTriangle's application to the Triangle Mobility Hub and Spoke grant program.

The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will be used to provide high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities 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, with low incomes, and who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color who are burdened with poor air quality and limited access to everyday destinations and community prosperity.

The Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will catalyze equitable development connected by highquality transit servicing communities across my district. The project will create a high-quality, frequent, and reliable regional transit operated by battery-electric buses through the GoTriangle route in areas that serve my district: Raleigh, Cary, Apex, and Holly Springs. RTP and GoTriangle envision creating and leveraging new community partnerships to incorporate affordable housing into the site and along highquality regional transit routes to provide equitable access to transit and economic opportunity in the Triangle.

I urge your full and fair consideration of the GoTriangle's application for funding, consistent with all agency rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Cardenas in my office at Jennifer.Cardenas@mail.house.gov.

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September 21, 2023

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 Central Pines Regional Council, I would like to express our strong support of GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program grant 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 high-quality transit connections between historically disadvantaged communities 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, 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.

Located in Research Triangle Park (RTP), the center of the growing and vibrant Triangle Region, the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will catalyze equitable development connected by high quality-transit servicing communities across the Triangle. The project will enable the creation of a high-quality, frequent and reliable regional transit operated by battery-electric buses connecting Downtown Durham, North Carolina Central University, McDougald Terrace, Durham Technical Community College to RTP and the regional transit network at the Triangle Mobility Hub. RTP and GoTriangle envision creating and leveraging new community partnerships to incorporate affordable housing into the site and along high-quality regional transit routes to provide equitable access to transit and economic opportunity in the Triangle.

Central Pines Regional Council is the only entity in the Triangle that represents all local governments in the seven-county area. Our forty-seven local government members work together on a range of regional issues, including transportation. We have enjoyed a close working relationship with GoTriangle for many years and are excited about the application.

In summary, I fully support 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.

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Lee Worsley Executive Director





September 22, 2023

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of Regional Transportation Alliance, the voice of the business community on transportation, to express our strong support for GoTriangle's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant 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 project will provide high-quality connections between historically disadvantaged communities and everyday destinations including shopping, healthcare, parks, education, workforce training and employment.

Located in Research Triangle Park (RTP), the center of the growing and vibrant Triangle Region, the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project will catalyze equitable development connected by high quality-transit servicing communities across the Triangle. The project will enable the creation of regional transit operated by battery-electric buses connecting RTP with Downtown Durham.

RTP and GoTriangle envision creating and leveraging new community partnerships to incorporate affordable housing into the site and along high-quality regional transit routes to enhance equitable access to transit and economic opportunity in the Triangle.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing about the success of the application. Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or joe@letsgetmoving.org with questions.

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