



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:

As the Tax District Administrator of the County Transit Plans for Wake, Durham, and Orange counties, I would like to express my 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 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, 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.

GoTriangle is the state-designated Tax District Administrator of the County Transit Plans for Wake, Durham, and Orange counties. The GoTriangle Board is charged with adopting annual budgets for each of the plans, among other financial responsibilities associated with the transit plans. Each year, the GoTriangle Board adopts a budget that reflects the approvals of the programs and projects by the governing bodies of the three transit plans. The adopted FY24 budgets for the three transit plans include the 20% local match to support this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Saundra Freeman".

Saundra Freeman,  
Chief Financial Officer

