



May 8, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: FY2026 SS4A Grant Application – *Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation*

Dear Secretary Duffy:

United Way of Henderson County strongly supports the SS4A grant application “Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation,” which is the result of a collaboration between the City of Hendersonville, the French Broad River MPO, and NCDOT.

The 7th Avenue Safety Implementation project has many positive outcomes, including improved safety and increased quality of life for local families. It is critical to our community’s ability to make bicycle, pedestrian and vehicular improvements along 7th Avenue to better connect the 7th Avenue district to the Oklawaha Greenway. This funding will provide accessible, affordable, and connected transportation options that are very much needed in our community. Creating healthy communities where families can thrive is an important part of our work and this Safe Streets for All funding is necessary to do this well.

Thank you for considering the City of Hendersonville’s application for SS4A Program funding. Your support will make a big impact in the lives of children, seniors, and families throughout our community!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kat Carlton".

Kat Carlton
Executive Director
United Way of Henderson County