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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:

The North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP) 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 NCACP strongly encourages measures which increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The 7th Avenue Safety Implementation project will achieve this for all roadway users along a historic downtown corridor; provide a comfortable and welcoming public realm for families, individuals, and visitors; act as a catalyst for tourism and economic development; improve resilience to flooding events; and create improved connections to multiple major regional trails.

By supporting this effort, USDOT can showcase a project that aligns closely with the Trump Administration's objectives, including:

- Creating a safer local transportation system,
- Increasing quality of life for local families and individuals, and visitors,
- Providing improved accessible, affordable, and connected transportation options while maintaining vehicular roadway capacity,
- Creating local jobs and supporting local businesses, increasing tourism, and promoting economic opportunity.

The NCACP, along with law enforcement in general, remains committed to supporting endeavors such as this to keep our roadways safe and provide an enjoyable and engaging environment for all users of the corridor.

Respectfully,

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