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

RE: FY 2026 SS4A Grant Application – Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of Land of Sky Regional Council, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application for the “Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation” project.

This project represents a strong partnership among the City of Hendersonville, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. It is an important investment in a historic downtown corridor that will improve safety for all roadway users while supporting broader community and economic development goals.

The proposed improvements along 7th Avenue will help create a safer, more accessible, and more welcoming corridor for residents, families, businesses, and visitors. The project will also strengthen multimodal connections, support tourism and local commerce, and improve resilience to flooding and other environmental challenges.

Land of Sky Regional Council supports this effort as it advances key regional priorities, including safer transportation infrastructure, improved quality of life, stronger economic opportunity, and better connectivity for communities in western North Carolina.

The Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation project is well aligned with the goals of the SS4A program and offers meaningful local and regional benefits. We respectfully encourage USDOT to give this application full consideration for funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica Anderson".

Erica Anderson
Deputy Executive Director