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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:

On behalf of Trauma Intervention Program of WNC, we are pleased to support the SS4A grant application, “Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation,” developed through collaboration among the City of Hendersonville, the French Broad River MPO, and NCDOT.

The proposed project represents an important investment in the safety, accessibility, and long-term vitality of Hendersonville’s historic downtown corridor. Improvements along 7th Avenue will enhance safety and connectivity for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities while supporting local businesses, tourism, and economic activity in the community.

The project will also strengthen connections to regional trails and destinations, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, and contribute to a more resilient and welcoming public environment. By balancing transportation needs with community development goals, the project will help create a safer and more connected downtown experience for everyone who uses the corridor.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for this application and respectfully encourage consideration of the Safe Streets for Hendersonville: 7th Avenue Safety Implementation project for SS4A Program funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Atkission". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Mandy Atkission, CEO
Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc.