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February 19, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The City of Hendersonville fully supports the BUILD grant application "**Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project: New Streets for New Business**" which is the result of a collaboration between the City of Hendersonville, Henderson County, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and other local stakeholders.

The Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization project will improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along two historic downtown corridors; provide a comfortable and welcoming public realm for families, individuals, and visitors; rebuild connections between neighborhoods and downtown; act as a catalyst for tourism and economic development; improve resilience to flooding events; and create improved connections to multiple major regional trails.

The City of Hendersonville is financially committed to funding \$2.8 million in local match toward the project budget.

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, individuals, and visitors; providing improved accessible, affordable, and connected transportation options while maintaining vehicular roadway capacity; creating local jobs and supporting local businesses; and promoting economic opportunity. It will serve the City of Hendersonville, the State of North Carolina, and its residents and business owners well for years to come.

Thank you for considering our application for BUILD Program funding.

Sincerely,

John F. Connet
City Manager