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**The Honorable Sean Duffy**

Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: FY2026 BUILD Grant Application – Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization  
Project: New Streets for New Business**

Dear Secretary Duffy:

Peacock Architects strongly 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, NCDOT, and other local stakeholders.

The Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project will significantly enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along two historic downtown corridors while creating a more comfortable, inclusive, and welcoming public realm for residents and visitors alike. The project will also reconnect underserved neighborhoods with downtown, strengthen resilience to flooding, expand access to major regional trail networks, and serve as a catalyst for tourism and economic growth.

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

In summary, the Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project will serve as a powerful driver of a healthier, more resilient, and integrated transportation and recreation network, while advancing long-term economic transformation for the region.

Thank you for considering our application for BUILD Program funding.

Sincerely,

Tamara Peacock, President  
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