

September 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant
Applicant: North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
Application Name: Mobility for Everyone, Everywhere in NC (MEE NC)
UEI #: D3FFSR4HFA77

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the grant application submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for funding through the Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant program in the amount of \$25,606,659.

NCDOT indicates that it requests funding to accelerate the deployment of high-quality, on-demand transit services to rural, low income communities throughout North Carolina. It is my understanding that MEE NC will modernize and expand transit service in rural areas across the state by introducing Software as a Service (SaaS) and Transportation as a Service (TaaS) / Turnkey on-demand service models to serve transportation disadvantaged populations more effectively and enable vulnerable users across the state to access critical services and opportunities. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division will partner with 11 participating communities to modernize transit service, serving a total of approximately 800,000 individuals.

Thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application for Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant funding. Please feel free to contact Kyle Sanders at kyle_sanders@tillis.senate.gov and Andrew Nam at andrew_nam@tillis.senate.gov if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis
U.S. Senator

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