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Transportation Planning Organization

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

RE: Letter of Support – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Joint Supplemental Safety Planning and Planning and Demonstration Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express our strong support for Durham County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) joint Planning and Demonstration and Supplemental Safety Planning grant application. As the metropolitan planning organization for the western part of the Research Triangle in North Carolina, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPPO) developed and adopted a regional Vision Zero Action Plan with the support of SS4A funds during a previous funding round. In partnership with our local government members and community partners – including Durham and Orange County – the adopted plan presents a snapshot of the crash types, severity, and locations throughout the region, as well as relevant strategies to address challenges and gaps in the TWTPPO planning area.

Durham County is requesting funding to build upon the regional safety plan by utilizing a multifaceted approach that includes three activities. The first two activities below, under Planning and Demonstration, will be used to pilot two temporary activities that will inform the *TWTPPO Vision Zero Action Plan*. A key element recognized within the TWTPPO plan and our Safe System Approach includes the recognition that post-crash care should be prioritized across the region – aligning with Activities 1 and 2 below:

- **Activity 1:** Develop and implement a prehospital blood program for trauma patients in both Orange and Durham Counties (Planning and Demonstration).
- **Activity 2:** Deploy a regional post-crash, educational campaign, to further equip EMS personnel, fire department first responders, trauma centers, and



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emergency departments in Durham and Orange counties to better respond to post-motor vehicle crash incidents (Planning and Demonstration).

- **Activity 3:** Include the expansion of the *TWTPO Vision Zero Action Plan* to encompass all of Orange County, which extends beyond the TWTPO planning boundary (Supplemental Planning).

All three activities align with strategies in our current regional Vision Zero Action Plan and will help to expand the identification of high-risk transportation corridors, analysis of crashes, and prioritization of evidence-based solutions that align with Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles intended to save lives in Durham and Orange County.

By supporting this planning effort, we move closer to a future where no loss of life on our roadways is acceptable. We respectfully request and appreciate your time in considering their proposal for SS4A Supplemental Safety Planning and Planning and Demonstration Grant funding.

Thank you for your time and dedication to advancing safer streets across the nation.

Sincerely,

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