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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) Supplemental Planning Grant Application for the Town of Carrboro

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express our strong support for the Town of Carrboro's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant application for supplemental safety planning that will build demonstration projects. The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) recognizes the critical need for a strategic and data-driven approach to improve roadway safety for all users. The Town of Carrboro faces significant transportation safety challenges, including rising fatalities and serious injuries for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users. Building demonstration projects will expand upon our recently completed Triangle West Regional Safety Action Plan, focusing on implementing projects identified in the plan.

As the metropolitan planning organization for the western part of the Research Triangle in North Carolina, Triangle West developed and adopted a regional Safety Action Plan with the support of SS4A funding. In partnership with our local government members and community partners, including the Town of Carrboro, the adopted plan presents a snapshot of the crash types, severity, and locations throughout the region and within the municipalities in the Triangle West planning area. The Town of Carrboro is requesting funding to build upon the regional safety plan by developing demonstration projects that will provide much-needed safety improvements that align with Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles intended to save lives in the Town of Carrboro. The demonstration projects proposed, such as rectangular rapid flashing beacon signals, painted refuge islands, and buffered bicycle lanes with delineators, will allow the Town to pilot innovative safety solutions and refine long-term strategies for reducing roadway risks.



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This supplemental planning grant will enable the Town of Carrboro to:

- Accelerate implementation of key recommendations identified in the regional Safety Action Plan that incorporate local jurisdictional priorities and data;
- Engage community stakeholders in the planning process;
- Support immediate improvements to public safety;

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 planning grant funding.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Howard
Board Chair
Triangle West TPO