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U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express, on behalf of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO), my support of GoTriangle's application to the RAISE Grant Program for the Regional Transit Center (RTC) Relocation project. In order to better serve the needs of transit riders and to address the onsite and offsite limitations of the current facility, regional planning efforts have identified the need and committed the local funding share for constructing a new intermodal facility. The relocated Regional Transit Center will improve transit speed and reliability, address passenger amenity and operational needs, and provide new multi-modal connections. As a result, the new facility will increase equitable and sustainable access to destinations within Research Triangle Park and across the region as whole. By providing direct connections to planned investments including commuter rail, bus rapid transit, the Triangle Bikeway, and to an adjacent adaptive reuse project, the new facility will enhance regional multi-modal connectivity to jobs and other destinations in and around Research Triangle Park.

The DCHC MPO supports GoTriangle, and all transit agencies in our region, through management of local transit plans and integration of transportation projects across jurisdictional boundaries. The RTC will further DCHC MPO's goals of a comprehensive and multi-modal regional transportation network.

In summary, I fully support the efforts of GoTriangle as they seek to fund the new Regional Transit Center for the Triangle region in North Carolina and will continue to support the project as we work together to meet the needs of the public. I look forward to hearing about the success of the application.

Sincerely,

Jenn Weaver, Chair
Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization