



January 7, 2022

Mr. Terry Farr, P.E.
Project Manager
NCDOT Project Management Unit
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RE: U-5307 Capital Boulevard North Upgrade (Raleigh to Wake Forest)

Dear Mr. Farr:

GoTriangle appreciates our partnership with NCDOT and the opportunity to provide comments on this project. The project provides a cost-effective opportunity to deliver meaningful improvements to existing transit service, providing enhanced alternatives for travelers within the corridor. GoTriangle is supportive of the overall design and offers the following comments:

- **Bus on Shoulder:** We support the inclusion of full-depth, 16-foot wide shoulders to provide for bus on shoulder, emergency vehicles and future bus lanes, consistent with the request from the Town of Wake Forest. The recently adopted BOSS (Bus on Shoulder System) Implementation Blueprint includes the US 1 North corridor. We request that the project include necessary signage and coordinate with GoTriangle, CAMPO, and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol to develop an operations plan to enable bus on shoulder operations concurrent with the opening of each project phase.
- **Park and Ride:** The adopted Wake Transit Plan includes a new park and ride lot in the Capital Boulevard North corridor. We request that the project evaluate opportunities for necessary ROW purchases to support a 2-3 acre park and ride lot in the vicinity of interchanges at Burlington Mills Road, South Main Street and Harris Road.
- **Impacts to S-Line ROW:** We support the inclusion of structures that provide room for additional tracks within the ROW consistent with the adopted State Rail Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan. We also recommend limiting the placement of fill or drainage easements within the ROW to provide room for the additional tracks.

We look forward to continued partnership with NCDOT to address these comments as design progresses on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Lattuca".

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