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May 15, 2025

Mr. Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue  
SE Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support for the Town of Leland's Community Project Funding Application for the Basin Street Extension

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) to express the organization's full support for the Town of Leland's application for Community Project Funding for the extension of Basin Street from Old Fayetteville Road to Village Road in the Town of Leland. This critical infrastructure project is included in the WMPO's adopted Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and aligns closely with the priorities of the U.S. Department of Transportation, particularly in the areas of safety and benefiting families.

The proposed extension will improve traffic flow and accessibility, particularly for students and faculty traveling to and from North Brunswick High School. It also supports long-term development plans for the school and surrounding area, advancing economic vitality and fostering community growth.

The Town of Leland continues to prioritize the modernization of its infrastructure to serve the broad needs of all roadway users and has taken a thoughtful and thorough approach to this effort. The proposed planning, preparation, and design activities, including feasibility studies and a benefit-cost analysis, demonstrate a commitment to sound, data-driven decision-making and positive project outcomes.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the Town of Leland's application. The Basin Street Extension represents a strategic investment in the region's infrastructure that will deliver lasting benefits to both Leland residents and the broader Wilmington region.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at either [mike.kozlosky@wilmingtonnc.gov](mailto:mike.kozlosky@wilmingtonnc.gov) or (910) 342-2781 should you require any additional information or assistance.

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Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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County of New Hanover • Town of Belville • Town of Leland • Town of Navassa • County of Brunswick  
County of Pender • Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority • North Carolina Department of Transportation

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Sincerely,



Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director



## Office of the Sheriff

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May 6, 2025

Mr. Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Sean Duffy & Staff,

Brunswick County is pleased to offer its full support for the Town of Leland's application for Community Project Funding for the proposed extension of Basin Street from Old Fayetteville Road to Village Road. This infrastructure initiative is a vital component of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's adopted Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and reflects shared regional priorities around safety, connectivity, and equitable access.

The Basin Street extension will improve local traffic flow and provide enhanced access to North Brunswick High School, benefiting both students and faculty. It will also support responsible long-term development in the area and strengthen the transportation network that serves one of the fastest-growing regions in North Carolina.

This project holds particular importance for a Historically Disadvantaged Community and demonstrates a meaningful commitment to addressing mobility challenges through equitable, forward-thinking infrastructure investments. Brunswick County shares the Town of Leland's goal of ensuring that all residents—regardless of location—can benefit from safe, reliable, and connected transportation options.

The County recognizes the Town's thorough approach to planning and project readiness, including environmental assessments, feasibility studies, and benefit-cost analyses. These efforts speak to the Town's dedication to sustainable infrastructure improvements that are rooted in sound data and broad public benefit.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this application. The proposed Basin Street Extension represents not only a strategic improvement for Leland but a step forward for the entire Brunswick County region.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chism, Sheriff  
Brunswick County



April 30, 2025

Mr. Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Duffy & Staff,

The Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBBF) is a nonprofit Bicycling Advocacy Foundation, founded in 2015. We are pleased to express our support for the Town of Leland's application to the Community Project Fund grant program for the extension of Basin Street from Old Fayetteville Road to Village Road. TBBF aims to improve safe bicycling in southeast NC by working with partner agencies and the community at large to promote the use of bicycles for transportation, recreation, and fitness. This promotion takes the form of education, advocacy, partnerships and inviting investment across our 3-county region.

The proposed project includes extending the bicycle and pedestrian network to provide safe access to North Brunswick High School and the surrounding neighborhoods. This aligns well with TBBF's goals. Not only do we support extending our existing bicycle infrastructure, but we support the partnership with Brunswick County Schools. It will promote the use of bicycles and walking across the community and provide a safe route to bike to school.

Specifically, the Basin Street Extension Project will:

- Improve safety by adding street lighting and dedicated pedestrian and bike infrastructure, in alignment with the National Roadway Safety Strategy.
- Support active transportation through a 5-foot bike path and a 5-foot multi-use pedestrian path.
- Enhance connectivity between schools, parks, senior housing, and commercial areas, fostering a healthier community.
- Provide transportation alternatives in an area with limited public transit options.
- Improve resilience and sustainability through stormwater management infrastructure and a bridge that supports ecological health and mitigates erosion.

The proposed project aligns well with the goals and priorities in the Community Project Funding program, particularly in safety and regional impact. It will create connectivity and reduce traffic congestion in a rapidly growing area,

Please consider the Town of Leland's application for Community Project grant funding. The proposed project represents a significant investment in our community's future and aligns with the Community Project Fund's priorities. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
*Sam Burgess*

Sam Burgess  
President, Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation

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Dear Mr. Sean Duffy & Staff,

I am writing to express my full support for the Town of Leland's project-Basin Street Extension. The project will extend Basin Street from Old Fayetteville Road to Village Road and align perfectly with the goals and priorities outlined by the Department of Transportation, particularly in terms of safety, equity, and regional impact.

The extension of Basin Street will serve as a crucial link between key areas within our community. The proposed extension will facilitate smoother traffic flow and enhance accessibility, especially for students and faculty accessing North Brunswick High School. Additionally, it aligns with future development plans for the high school and surrounding areas, promoting economic growth and community development.

The Basin Street Extension Project will be completed in the Town of Leland, located in Brunswick County, North Carolina. This area is in Census Tract 201.04, a historically disadvantaged community. This is a 9 square mile area with a population of approximately 5,800. The median household income is approximately \$44,000, which is 23% lower than the median household income for the state of North Carolina, \$57,000. 18% of households are below the poverty line, which is higher than the state of North Carolina's rate of 14%. This area is also historically categorized as low income, as household income is less than or equal to twice the federal poverty level. This Census Tract is ranked in the 79th percentile for low income. The median home value is approximately \$140,000, which is 26% lower than the median home value for the state of North Carolina, \$190,000. The ethnicity make-up in the Census Tract is 37% White, 42% Black or African American, 13% Hispanic or Latino, 3% American Indian and Alaska Native, 7% other, and 3% two or more races.

The Town of Leland is striving to modernize infrastructure assets to meet the needs of all roadway users. To meet the needs of residents throughout Town, Leland is dedicated to improving roads in a historically disadvantaged community to bring safe and equitable modes of transportation and connectivity to this population.

Furthermore, the planning, preparation, and design activities outlined in the proposal, including an environmental analysis, a feasibility study, and a cost-benefit analysis, demonstrate a thorough and comprehensive approach to project implementation. These pre-construction activities are essential for ensuring the success and sustainability of the project in the long term.









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In conclusion, I hope you will consider the Town of Leland's request. The extension of Basin Street represents a significant investment in our community's future, aligning with the Department of Transportation's priorities and making meaningful contributions to safety, equity, and regional development.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Bozeman', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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