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RE: Public Comment re: TIP Amendment #8

Public Comment Draft 2026-2035 STIP

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support the Town of Morrisville's request that the Aviation Widening (U-5811) project be phased to accommodate construction of Morrisville's section between NC54 and McCrimmon Parkway on the original FY28 construction schedule (or as soon as possible) with the remaining section extending to I-40/Gateway Center Drive in the Town of Cary following immediately after.

The Phase I section, as proposed by Morrisville, includes improvements to the NC54/Aviation Parkway intersection. The Town of Cary's corporate limits are located approximately half a mile south of the intersection and improvements to the intersection will benefit Cary residents that regularly travel the corridor.

The Aviation Pkwy and NC 54 intersection is on the 2024 Highway Safety Improvement Plan and noted as a crash location with a pattern of crashes. The project includes a much-needed redesign of the intersection that will improve safety, relieve existing congestion, and reduce frequent backups in the area. Completion of these improvements in a timely manner will benefit the many motorists traveling through this area on both NC54 and Aviation Parkway to other destinations in the region. Cary and Morrisville also have a joint response agreement for emergency services and alleviating congestion at the intersection will benefit emergency response for both jurisdictions.

Thank you for your continued support to improve transportation in the region and state. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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