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Joe Milazzo, Executive Director Regional Transportation Alliance 800 S. Salisbury St. Raleigh NC 27601-2202

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Dear Joe,

I am writing in support of a Freeway and Street-based Transit (FAST) implementation framework for the Research Triangle region, including the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors that connect to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU).

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (Authority) values the importance of a comprehensive regional transportation system to our growing community and believes increased transit connectivity will relieve roadway congestion, maximize mobility and promote regional equity and sustainability.

RDU is close to reaching pre-pandemic passenger traffic and has about 5,000 employees on its campus. The Authority's Vision 2040 master plan includes capital improvements that support BRT implementation and improved transit access at the airport. As I mentioned at RTA's Regional Transit Awareness Day event on Sept. 29, Vision 2040 includes significant improvements to our roadway system and a Ground Transportation Center to provide easier BRT access to the terminal curbs.

As more people and businesses move to the Triangle, it is imperative that we initiate plans to maximize mobility and accessibility. We appreciate RTA leading the effort to develop a FAST implementation plan for our region, and we fully support our regional partners in expanding transit access to the airport, including direct BRT linkages that could serve thousands of employees and travelers every day.

Sincerely,

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