



March 29, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

On behalf of the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority ("GoTriangle"), a leader in sustainable transportation for the Research Triangle, we express our commitment to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. This letter serves as evidence of assurance that 20% of matching funds for the **Breathing Easy, Riding Green: Powering BEBs for a More Equitable and Sustainable Future** application submitted by GoTriangle are committed and will be provided by our agency. This 20% match amounts to \$3,974,864 which will be funded through the transit plans of Wake County (55%), Durham County (30%), and Orange County (15%).

Through this grant, GoTriangle plans to procure battery electric buses (BEBs), charging infrastructure, and solar photovoltaic canopies to generate renewable energy at our Nelson Road Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility. The project directly responds to the following Priority Climate Action Plan measures:

- **Transportation:** Increase the number of zero emission and electric vehicles in state and local government fleets
- **Electricity:** Increase the amount of electricity generated by low and no carbon energy resources in North Carolina

GoTriangle is committed to providing the Research Triangle communities with safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation options. We understand the importance of clean air and a healthy environment, which is why we have proactively developed a comprehensive Zero Emission Transition Plan. Two BEBs have already been brought into service, with an additional five scheduled to be operational in 2025. Further, GoTriangle has collaborated with local public transit providers to develop a joint-specification for BEBs and diesel-electric hybrid buses, working to standardize bus procurements and achieve lower costs through larger order placements. With infrastructure upgrades already underway, our commitment to electrification works towards a cleaner, healthier future for the regional communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hayden".

Jennifer Hayden
Interim Chief Financial Officer

