



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

Dear Administrator Regan,

The NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is writing to express our strong support for GoTriangle's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program application for the Nelson Road Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility (BOMF) – Modernization and Expansion Project. Once fully implemented, the Project will advance GoTriangle's transition towards a zero-emissions fleet, including battery electric buses (BEBs), electric vehicle charging equipment, on-site solar photovoltaic electricity generation, and battery storage.

GoTriangle's mission is to improve the region's quality of life by connecting people and places through safe, reliable, and easy-to-use travel choices. GoTriangle provided 1.8 million annual trips in 2019, removing 24 million passenger vehicle miles from regional highways. Additionally, GoTriangle operates two battery-electric buses, and recently procured an additional five (5) battery-electric buses, demonstrating the agency's commitment to cost-saving, efficient and resilient operations.

The Project is in strong alignment with the Environmental Protection Agency's CPRG Program Objectives, including significant greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030; substantial community benefits, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities; leveraging other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits; and pursue innovative policies and programs that can be replicated across multiple jurisdictions. The Project is also in strong alignment with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)'s priority measures, including the increase of zero emissions and electric vehicles, and the increase of electricity generated by renewable resources in North Carolina.

The NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization strongly supports funding GoTriangle's Nelson Road BOMF – Modernization and Expansion Project under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

Sincerely,

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