



## Office of the City Manager

September 25, 2024

United States Department of Transportation  
Attn: Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Financial Commitment Letter for the City of Gastonia's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application – Project CHANGE Feasibility and Connectivity Study

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Gastonia to formally express our commitment to providing a local match of up to \$500,000 in support of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant application submitted to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

The City of Gastonia acknowledges the importance of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant program in addressing infrastructure barriers, restoring community connectivity, and improving peoples' lives. We are fully committed to leveraging local resources to ensure the successful completion of this project.

Our commitment of up to \$500,000 in local funding for this grant application is contingent upon the approval of the grant by USDOT and any associated terms and conditions that may be imposed. We understand that this commitment is essential to demonstrate the city's dedication to the project and its successful execution.

The City of Gastonia pledges to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, as well as community organizations and residents, to ensure the timely and effective utilization of these funds in alignment with the project's goals and objectives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or documentation to support this commitment. We are eager to move forward with the project and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with USDOT to make it a reality.

Thank you for considering our commitment to the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael C. Peoples". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael C. Peoples  
City Manager