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Barnstable County Economic Development Council

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Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary,

The Barnstable County Economic Development Council strongly supports the Town of Yarmouth's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant application for the 2.9-mile Route 28 Corridor Improvement project. The proposed project is worthy of approval due to its comprehensive approach to addressing critical infrastructure deficiencies, enhancing safety and mobility for all users while protecting our region's sensitive environment.

The Route 28 corridor is the region's main arterial roadway and serves as a lifeline providing access to critical services and facilities that support our regional economy from Falmouth to Orleans. However, the corridor was built to prioritize motor vehicle traffic and severely lacks modern-day multimodal accommodations. A complete street reimagining is envisioned to support the existing everyday walking and bicycling trips that are occurring on this corridor. The multimodal accommodations will support vulnerable roadway users, such as the numerous J-1 seasonal workers who live and work along the corridor, the year-round environmental justice communities (minority and low income) residents, to the summer visitors who stay at the multitude of hotels and resorts that line the corridor.

Within the immediate project area, the Route 28 Corridor Improvement project will improve traffic operations, safety, and multimodal access to support major regional centers including the Cape Cod Hospital, Cape Cod Gateway Airport, ferry terminals to the Islands, the Hyannis Transportation Center and the region's major commercial district in Hyannis. With a comprehensive design that prioritizes safety improvements for all users while minimizing impacts to the region's sensitive environment, the project ensures a resilient, sustainable, and inclusive infrastructure investment, maximizing long-term benefits for all regional stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention and consideration regarding this project.

Best Regards,

Robert Talerman
Chair, Barnstable County Economic Development Council