

## North Carolina Wins Three Transportation Grants

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Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Richard Burr (R-NC) announced they have secured three BUILD Transportation grants totaling more than \$60 million for North Carolina:

- **GoTriangle will receive \$20 million.** The project will construct a new bus facility and structured parking to create a multimodal transit center in downtown Raleigh. The project includes an off-street bus transfer facility, pedestrian bridge, BRT platform and other BRT infrastructure, on-street pedestrian improvements and wayfinding, traffic signal prioritization, and new rolling stock.

- **The City of Hickory will receive \$17 million** for infrastructure investment and road improvements. The project will develop an approximately 1.7-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail and a bridge over US 321, and construct a 1.2-mile complete streetscape loop in downtown Hickory that will add designated space for bicycles and pedestrians.

- **The North Carolina Department of Transportation will receive \$23 million** for Growing Rural Economy and Agriculture through Transportation and Technology Enhancement or Replacement in North Carolina (GREATTER-NC). The project will replace approximately 77 bridges in need of repair across 17 rural counties. The project sponsor will also add broadband capabilities for transportation applications to appropriate bridges during construction.

**Senator Thom Tillis:** “These grants will be a tremendous help to the Triangle, the City of Hickory, and rural communities across North Carolina, allowing for improvements to our state’s transportation, infrastructure, and safety. I’m thankful to Secretary Chao for recognizing North Carolina’s infrastructure priorities and making a major investment through BUILD grants.”

**Senator Richard Burr:** “I am grateful to Secretary Chao and the Department of Transportation for awarding North Carolina these vital grants to strengthen and improve infrastructure across the state. This new funding will help build 77 bridges and expand broadband access in rural communities, create new pedestrian and bike trails in the City of Hickory, and get the GoTriangle project closer to its goal of building a new, modern transportation hub for a fast-growing area.”

**GoTriangle President and CEO Jeff Mann:** “This is an exciting day for GoTriangle, the City

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of Raleigh and our entire region because this facility is an important part of the transit network we are building together. We want to sincerely thank Senators Tillis and Burr as well as Congressman Price for their strong leadership and partnership in helping secure this grant that will enhance bus connectivity and spur new economic, job and housing opportunities for our community.”

**Hickory Mayor Hank Guess:**“The \$17 million BUILD grant is a major federal investment that will improve Hickory’s infrastructure and better connect our region. I’m grateful for Senators Tillis and Burr for working directly with the City of Hickory over the last year, their support was instrumental in securing the grant.”

**N.C. Department of Transportation Secretary James Trogdon:**“NCDOT is pleased to have been chosen for a BUILD transportation grant. These funds will replace bridges in many rural communities that depend heavily upon the agriculture industry which is great news.”

BUILD Transportation grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation.