

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 6, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

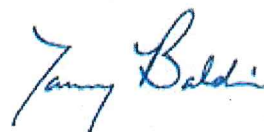
I am pleased to support Janesville Transit System's application for Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation (Opportunity #FTA-2018-005-TPM-BUS). Funding will assist Janesville Transit System in providing more effective and efficient transit services for city residents.

Janesville Transit System's fixed-route service is comprised of six routes that operate primarily within the City of Janesville. These routes operate 301 service days a year on a pulse schedule, converging at the downtown transfer center. In addition, an evening service called Nightside operates deviated-fixed route services on three routes weekdays. In partnership with the City of Beloit, Janesville operates the Beloit-Janesville Express providing hourly service weekdays. During the school year, School Tripper service that complies with FTA School Bus regulations is provided. Further, regional services include the "Beloit-Janesville Express", which operates between and in Janesville and Beloit; and through the towns of Rock and Beloit. Fixed route annual ridership totaled 426,606, plus 5,275 additional paratransit riders. To continue to address these varied needs, Janesville Transit System must replace a number of its fixed-route fleet.

Approved federal funding will be used to purchase five 35 foot low-floor ADA accessible transit buses with "Clean Diesel" technology to replace buses that have exceeded their useful service life. If approved, Janesville Transit System will replace its oldest and least reliable buses, typically in service for 14-16 years.

I support efforts to improve safety and access to public transportation services in Wisconsin communities. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to Janesville Transit System's application. Please keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison office updated on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at [projects\\_grants@baldwin.senate.gov](mailto:projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator