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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20509

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the City of Madison's (City) application for Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program funding through the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration. If awarded, funding will help support work to strengthen the resilience of transit facilities in Madison and improve transit operations in the community.

According to the City, demand for transit remains high in the Madison region, and Metro Transit needs to continue to upgrade its current infrastructure to accommodate ridership and keep pace with population and economic growth. Over the past several years, 14,000 housing units have been approved, resulting in over 120,000 daily trips. Almost 3.3 million square feet of office, commercial, industrial, and institutional space has also been constructed since 2016. Additionally, Dane County is projected to add 100,000 more residents and 85,000 new jobs, including 45,000 within Madison city limits, by 2050.

Awarded funding would help the City to upgrade transportation infrastructure and equipment in a sustainable manner to accommodate growth and the demand on the local environment. This investment would enable the City to conduct necessary renovations on its bus maintenance facilities and electrify routes with the purchase of electric sixty-foot articulated buses. Facility renovations will also leverage previous FTA investments and strengthen the City's commitment to clean energy by replacing roofs and installing solar panels on multiple Metro Facilities. These upgrades will advance the City's goals of continuing to install systems on City facilities each year and approach ten megawatts of capacity by 2030.

I strongly support proposals that benefit our economy and our communities while improving Wisconsin's sustainable transportation infrastructure. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the City of Madison's Buses and Bus Facilities application. Please keep my office updated on the progress of this application by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator