



United States
House of Representatives

March 30, 2020

Matthew Welbes
Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Lowell Regional Transit Authority's Federal Transit Administration Grant Application

Dear Mr. Welbes,

I am writing to express my support for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority's (LRTA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant application (5339b) for Fixed Route Buses as well as Maintenance and Operations Center Equipment in FY2021 and FY2022. The LRTA has a sterling record of serving the needs of the Greater Lowell region by providing convenient, comfortable, safe, reliable, cost-effective mobility services that contribute to the ever-growing economy of the region.

The FTA grant will enable the LRTA to enhance its transit system and continue to provide for the elderly community, students, and the workforce who depend on public transportation to meet their daily needs. It is vital that the LRTA's fleet and equipment remains up to date in order to ensure that the region's transit-dependent population is always provided with safe, secure and reliable service. The addition of 14 new buses and maintenance lifts over the next two fiscal years will continue the LRTA's efforts to build one of the most modern and efficient public transit operations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In addition, LRTA continues their important mission of reducing traffic congestion while improving environmental quality and sustainability through reduced vehicle emissions. The LRTA provides a critical service needed in for the continuing economic development in the region.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the utmost consideration is given to LRTA's grant application (5339b) for Fixed Route Buses as well as Maintenance and Operations Center Equipment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Emily Byrne, my District Director, at 978-459-0101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress