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WASHINGTON, U.S.

321 East Fifth Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

October 12, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Clallam Transit System Letter of Support - FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program**

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

On behalf of the City of Port Angeles, I strongly support Clallam Transit System's (CTS) application for approximately \$5,177,000 for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fiscal Year 2021 -- Section 5339(b) Grant for Bus and Bus Facilities Program, through the Washington State Department of Transportation, to purchase three (3) heavy-duty clean diesel (biodiesel-compatible) replacement buses, three (3) electric heavy-duty replacement buses, and supporting charging infrastructure.

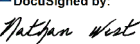
CTS has demonstrated through action an ability to maintain a state of good repair by adhering to its established vehicle replacement schedule. Reliable and efficient vehicles are so crucial to creating a dependable public transit system for the citizens of Port Angeles and the Olympic Peninsula region. The dedication to more efficient and zero emission buses continues to move CTS towards a net environmental gain.

In the best interests of protecting public health and the environment, the City of Port Angeles and Washington State are committed to reducing respective carbon footprints in many categories, especially transportation. Transit systems are expected to progress towards zero-emission vehicles. If awarded, these grant funds would assist CTS in beginning the process of diversifying its heavy-duty diesel bus fleet to include zero-emissions electric buses at a realistic and manageable pace. The Bus and Bus Facilities Program would fully support the buses traveling in and out of downtown Port Angeles.

With recent upgrades to Clallam Transit's fleet, CTS has successfully positioned itself to begin augmenting its fleet with zero-emission electric buses without compromising the dependability and reliability our Port Angeles citizens expect. This project supports the values and strategic goals of Clallam Transit and would improve air quality within the communities of Port Angeles, Clallam County and beyond. Such changes further enhance and strengthen the Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone and the long-standing Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community.

The goal of this application substantially aligns with numerous City of Port Angeles priority efforts and for that reason I offer the City's full support of this important grant application. The City looks forward to your favorable decision on this very important grant opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can provide additional details on the importance of this proposal to our local community.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  


Nathan A. West  
City Manager



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, 2851 Lower Elwha Road, Port Angeles, WA 98363

October 15, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Clallam Transit System Letter of Support - FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program**

On behalf of The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, we strongly support Clallam Transit System's (CTS) application for approximately \$5,177,000 for the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Fiscal Year 2021 -- Section 5339(b) Grant for Bus and Bus Facilities Program, through the Washington State Department of Transportation, to purchase three (3) heavy-duty clean diesel (biodiesel-compatible) replacement buses, three (3) electric heavy-duty replacement buses, and supporting charging infrastructure.

It is my understanding CTS is committed to maintaining an ongoing state of good repair by adhering to its established vehicle replacement schedule. Reliable and efficient vehicles are so crucial to creating a dependable public transit system. In addition, replacing older higher polluting equipment with a combination of newer technology and zero emission buses continues to move CTS towards lower overall emissions of its transit fleet.

In the best interests of protecting public health and the environment, Washington State is committed to reducing its carbon footprint in many categories, especially transportation, and transit systems are expected to progress towards zero-emission vehicles. If awarded, these grant funds would assist Clallam Transit in beginning the process of diversifying its heavy-duty diesel bus fleet to include zero-emissions electric buses at a realistic and manageable pace.

With recent upgrades to Clallam Transit's fleet, Clallam Transit has successfully positioned itself to begin augmenting its fleet with zero-emission electric buses without compromising the dependability and reliability the public expects. This project supports the values and strategic goals of Clallam Transit and would improve air quality within the communities of Clallam County and more specifically within the Port Angeles Opportunity Zone, and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community.

Sincerely,

Public Works Director  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



October 1, 2021

Kevin E. Gallacci, General Manager  
Clallam Transit System  
830 West Lauridsen Boulevard  
Port Angeles, Washington 98363

**Re: Clallam Transit Grant for Replacement Buses and Charging Infrastructure**

Dear Mr. Gallacci:

The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization is pleased to support Clallam Transit System's application to the Federal Transit Administration for \$5.2 million to purchase three heavy-duty clean diesel replacement buses, three electric heavy-duty replacement buses and supporting charging infrastructure. This is an important project that furthers the Peninsula Region's environmental and energy efficiency goals while adhering to State of Good Repair best practices.

Washington State is a national leader in its commitment to reducing carbon emissions in the transportation sector. This grant will enable Clallam Transit to begin diversifying its heavy-duty diesel bus fleet at a reasonable and manageable pace. Introducing zero-emissions electric buses to Clallam Transit's fleet will further reduce the agency's carbon footprint and expedite the transition to a clean energy future.

Clallam Transit's commitment to State of Good Repair practices ensures the agency can take on this fleet diversification without compromising the dependability and reliability the traveling public expects. The investment will also benefit nearby partners. While electric vehicles will improve air quality throughout the countywide service area, benefits will be most pronounced within the Port Angeles Opportunity Zone and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Center, both of which will be served by the zero-emissions electric buses.

This project supports the values and strategic goals of Clallam Transit and is fully consistent with PRTPO's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and its follow-up efforts to increase this rural region's capacity to support electric vehicles.

On behalf of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, I wish you success in your effort to obtain an FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Bek Ashby, City of Port Orchard  
Chair, Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Olympic National Park  
600 East Park Avenue  
Port Angeles, Washington 98362-6798

October 04, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I am writing on behalf of Olympic National Park to express my enthusiastic support for the Clallam Transit System's (CTS) application for approximately \$5,177,000 for the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Fiscal Year 2021 -- Section 5339(b) Grant for Bus and Bus Facilities Program, through the Washington State Department of Transportation. I understand the grant will be used to purchase three (3) heavy-duty clean diesel (biodiesel-compatible) replacement buses, three (3) electric heavy-duty replacement buses, and supporting charging infrastructure.

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Washington State is committed to reducing its carbon footprint in many categories, especially transportation, and transit systems are expected to progress towards zero-emission vehicles. If awarded, these grant funds would assist Clallam Transit in beginning the process of diversifying its heavy-duty diesel bus fleet to include zero-emissions electric buses at a realistic and manageable pace.

With recent upgrades to Clallam County's Transit's fleet, Clallam Transit has successfully positioned itself to begin augmenting its fleet with zero-emission electric buses without compromising the dependability and reliability the public expects.

This project supports the values and strategic goals of Clallam Transit and would improve air quality within the communities of Clallam County and more specifically within the Port Angeles Opportunity Zone, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal community and of Olympic National Park (ONP). ONP is the most visited national park in the State of Washington hosting more than 3 million visitors annually. The spectacular scenery of the park provides a major economic benefit to the area. Visitors to the park spent over \$262 million dollars in and around the park's gateway communities in 2019. This visitor

spending resulted in \$127 million in labor income, \$235 million in value added and \$357 million in overall economic output.

As Superintendent of Olympic National Park, I am pleased to support this application for funding and ask your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Date: 2021.10.04 16:04:16 -07'00'

M. Sarah Creachbaum  
Superintendent



# Board of Clallam County Commissioners

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**MARK OZIAS, District 1, Chair**  
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**BILL PEACH, District 3**

**RICH SILL, County Administrator**

October 12, 2021

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The Board of Clallam County Commissioners are pleased to support this application for funding and would ask your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Clallam County Board of Commissioners



Mark Ozias, Chair



Randy Johnson



Bill Peach

Cc: Kevin Gallacci – Clallam Transit



September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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**RE: Clallam Transit System Letter of Support - FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program**

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

On behalf of the 24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, I strongly support Clallam Transit System's (CTS) application for approximately \$5,177,000 for the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Fiscal Year 2021 -- Section 5339(b) Grant for Bus and Bus Facilities Program, through the Washington State Department of Transportation, to purchase three (3) heavy-duty clean diesel (biodiesel-compatible) replacement buses, three (3) electric heavy-duty replacement buses, and supporting charging infrastructure.

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I am pleased to support this application for funding and would ask your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Representative Mike Chapman

24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



Scott Chaplin, Mayor  
City of Langley  
PO Box 366  
Langley, WA. 98260  
360.221.4205  
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Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 26, 2021

**Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation**

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I write today on behalf of the Langley City Council in support of Island Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Island Transit, a rural transit provider in Island County, seeks funding to purchase five new zero emission, battery-electric vehicles to utilize for a new on-demand service pilot project.

Island County is rural yet has one of the greatest percentages of the elderly and veterans in Washington State. Island Transit's project will provide service to disadvantaged populations who are unable to use fixed route and paratransit services, often because of where they reside in Island County. This population regularly forfeits access to employment, medical, social, educational, and recreational providers, due to either, not having a car or not living close enough to a bus route. Their pilot project affords a sustainable and carbon-neutral way to meet unmet needs as well as climate health.

This project directly supports the City's comprehensive plan. In addition, our City Council passed a motion in favor of supporting this project on October 18, 2021.

On behalf of the City of Langley, I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Scott Chaplin, Mayor

## Island County Board of Commissioners

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November 10, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez,

I write today in support of Island Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Island Transit, a rural transit provider in Island County, seeks funding to purchase five new zero emission, battery-electric vehicles to utilize for a new on-demand service pilot project.

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This project directly supports the mission, goals and strategies of Island County's 20-year regional transportation plan, *Island Access 2040*, and the county's Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP).

On behalf of the Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization, I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bacon  
Island County Commissioner and IRTPO Chair



November 8, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

On behalf of the Island Transit Board of Directors, I write today in support of Island Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Island Transit seeks funding to purchase five new zero emission, battery electric vehicles to utilize for a new on-demand service pilot project serving rural Island County.

Island Transit believes that access to opportunity should be at the center of our service and public investment decisions. This pilot project will proactively address existing barriers to opportunity suffered by disadvantaged populations, by providing independence from the automobile. We will accomplish this by providing improvements to public transportation accessibility and do so utilizing clean, carbon-neutral zero emission battery-electric vehicles.

The Island Transit Board of Directors has local match funding in a capital reserves account in preparation to move forward with this project.

Respectfully Submitted On Behalf of Island Transit Board of Directors,

Beth Munns  
Island Transit Board of Directors Chair  
& City of Oak Harbor Councilmember



# Okanogan

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

November 8, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I write today in support of Okanogan County Transit Authority and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Okanogan County Transit Authority, a rural transit provider in Okanogan County, seeks \$607,358.05 to replace five buses in their fleet in order to bring their fleet into 100% State of Good Repair.

Okanogan County Transit Authority's project will remain as an integral part of the Okanogan regional transportation system. It provides mobility and access to critical services as well as to employment and commerce. In so doing, it enhances the character and economic vitalities of communities. In coordination with local, regional, and state policies for transportation, community and economic development, and environmental stewardship, it makes possible a degree of mobility and community resiliency that is not otherwise possible.

This project directly supports the mission, goals and strategies of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Website: [www.ocog.org](http://www.ocog.org)

Maintaining buses, and supporting infrastructure, in a state of good repair is not only safer for the traveling public, but also cost effective. Transit agencies that are able to maintain their capital assets in a state of good repair are able to contribute positively to the economy of the local community while providing a safe and environmentally conscious transportation option for the public. Ensuring that transit agencies have the capital assets they need supports many of Washington State's transportation system policy goals: mobility, economic vitality, stewardship, environment, and safety.

I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Soo Ing-Moody in my office at 509-679-6974 [townmayor@townoftwisp.com](mailto:townmayor@townoftwisp.com) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Soo Ing-Moody  
Okanogan Council of Governments, Chair



October 12, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

Pacific County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) writes today in support of Pacific Transit System and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Pacific Transit System, a Rural Transportation provider in Pacific County, seeks \$400,000 to replace two of its' aging fleet with two modern electric dial-a-ride vehicles and the creation of the requisite charging facilities.

The benefits of this project are that replacement vehicles will provide more reliable scheduling capacity as well as increase the range of transit services for passengers with mobility challenges in rural parts of Pacific County, Washington. In addition, these newer vehicles are also electric, meeting the needs of Pacific Transits' commitment to zero-emissions by 2030. Expensive repairs to older vehicles will no longer be necessary.

The replacement vans will be more appropriate to use for groups of nine or less passengers – the most common size of groups transported in this rural region. These vehicles are needed to replace the current vehicles that often break down due to their age and hard use. Limiting breakdowns is extremely important for the clientele that are transported who have fragile health. These new vehicles will ensure services are provided as scheduled for fragile individuals throughout this rural region.

This project directly supports the mission, goals and strategies of the Southwest Regional Transportation Plan

Pacific Economic Development Council (PCEDC)  
600 Washington Ave, Raymond, WA 98577  
[www.pacified.org](http://www.pacified.org)



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Pacific County Economic Development Council strongly supports investing in our under-served communities, to provide an equal opportunity to achieve economic prosperity. PCEDC is committed to projects that strengthen our economy, provide jobs and encourage investment in Pacific County.

Pacific County Economic Development Council is pleased to support this application for funding, and we urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Susan Yirku at 503-519-7811 or [edc@pacifiedc.org](mailto:edc@pacifiedc.org) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Yirku, Executive Director  
Pacific Economic Development Council (PCEDC)  
[www.pacifiedc.org](http://www.pacifiedc.org)  
cell: 503-519-7811 [edc@pacifiedc.org](mailto:edc@pacifiedc.org)



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October 12, 2021

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Administrator  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

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Pacific Transit System, a Rural Transportation provider in Pacific County, seeks \$400,000 to replace two of its' aging fleet with two modern electric dial-a-ride vehicles and the creation of the requisite charging facilities.

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The replacement vans will be more appropriate to use for groups of nine or less passengers – the most common size of groups transported in this rural region. These vehicles are needed to replace the current vehicles that often breakdown due to their age and hard use despite a strong maintenance program. Limiting breakdowns is extremely important for the clientele that are transported who have fragile health. These new vehicles will ensure services are provided as scheduled for fragile individuals throughout this rural region.

The CWCOG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the five-county region including Lewis, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. The Southwest Washington RTPO board approved the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the region. The RTP includes policy statements supportive of this project concept. Pacific Transit's planned improvements are consistent with the regional strategies for multi-modal transportation outlined in the RTP.

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Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments ~ "Working Together to Enhance Our Region"

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October 12, 2021  
Nuria Fernandez

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Thank you for your consideration of the grant request.

Sincerely,

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William A. Fashing  
Executive Director



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**Department of Social and Health Services**

*1651 S. Pilgrim Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837*

November 1, 2021

Nuria Fernandez, Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

This letter is to express the Department of Social and Health Services strong support for People For People and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

People For People, a rural nonprofit in central Washington state, has successfully provided transportation since 1982. People For People's transportation service offers individuals a critical link to nutrition programs, health care, child care, shopping, social services, jobs, and other community resources. To support this essential service, an investment is requested of \$210,000 to purchase three 5-passenger, ADA accessible vans equipped with manual lifts. This project requests \$168,000 from FTA, and \$42,000 is committed from People For People's agency reserves.

Maintaining buses, and supporting infrastructure, in a state of good repair is not only safer for the traveling public, but also cost effective. The newer vehicles will have improved gas mileage and lower emissions to operate efficiently in the vast rural regions of central Washington. This rural region has extremely hot summers and frigid winters that make breakdowns a serious health and safety concern. Adams County has over 2300 square miles and a population density of 4.58 persons per square mile. The population of Adams County is also an aging population (26% of the population is 65+). Transportation is necessary for residents in Grant, Adams, Lincoln and the surrounding counties to contribute positively to the economy and remain in their own homes and communities. People For People has demonstrated their commitment to providing safe, responsive and cost effective transportation services. Pre-Covid, we relied on People For People for services to the WorkFirst families who are mandatory participants to engage in appointments, training and/or education. Having available and reliable transportation will

impact not only the families that we serve but the service providers and employers that rely on participants access to transportation to ensure their attendance at a work site. Having this transportation available has proven instrumental to increased opportunities and reducing isolation. We value the service they provide to vulnerable populations.

Investing in capital assets supports many of Washington State's transportation system policy goals: mobility, economic vitality, stewardship, environment, and safety.

I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact me at (509)764-5606 or [Irasema.ortiz-elizalde@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Irasema.ortiz-elizalde@dshs.wa.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Irasema" and last name "Ortiz-Elizalde" clearly distinguishable.

Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde

Moses Lake Community Service Office Administrator

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

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Sincerely,

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Rachelle Haven  
Executive Director  
GCDA Chamber of Commerce



**GRANT COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE**  
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Washington State Department of Transportation

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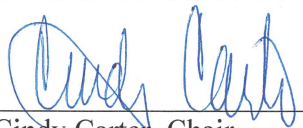
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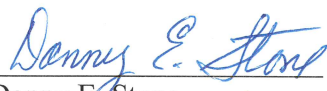
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District 3

We are pleased to support this application for funding, and we urge your full and fair consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Rob Jones

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
*Economic Services Administration*  
*Post Office Box 45440 Olympia WA 98504-5440*

November 9, 2021

Nuria Fernandez, Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

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I direct the division within Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) that administers the state's primary public assistance programs, including TANF and SNAP, for low-income families and individuals. The people we serve are among the key beneficiaries and users of People for People's transportation. Assistance with transportation is especially important for those in rural communities in our state. The work of People For People contributes to our unifying statewide goal to reduce poverty and its disproportionate impacts.

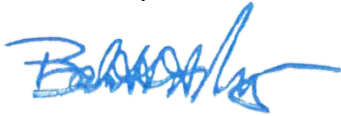
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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Jennie Fitzpatrick in my office at 360-688-6275 or [jennie.fitzpatrick@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:jennie.fitzpatrick@dshs.wa.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Babs Roberts, Director  
Community Services Division  
Economic Services Administration  
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services



10.25.2021

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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Tyson Lacy in my office at 509.725.2979 x 1168 or lacyte@lhd3.org if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Lacy", written in a cursive style.

CEO/Administrator

Administrator  
Tyson E. Lacy

10 Nicholls St.  
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509- 725- 7101

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November 1, 2021

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Sincerely,

Sheila A. Berschauer  
Chief Executive Officer



## OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER

### PROGRAMS

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- Job Training ■
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Sincerely,

*Steve Mitchell*

Steve Mitchell  
Chief Executive Officer  
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## Washington State Legislature

October 28, 2021

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Sincerely,

Representative Tom Dent  
13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Representative Alex Ybarra  
13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



## Washington State Senate

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14th Legislative District

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November 1, 2021

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Sincerely,

Senator Curtis King  
14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
Washington State Transportation Committee, Ranking Member

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**Washington State Senate**

**Senator Judith "Judy" Warnick**  
13th Legislative District

**District office:**

326 South Cedar Street  
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Sincerely,

Senator Judy Warnick  
13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

# Town of Lind

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October 26, 2021

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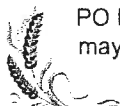
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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paula Bell, Mayor

Phone: (509) 677-3241  
FAX: (509) 677-3207  
PO Box F Lind, WA 99341  
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10/27/2021

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Roylance", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Roylance, PT  
Clinic Director



## Behavioral Health | Developmental Disabilities Emergency Housing | Public Health

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October 22, 2021

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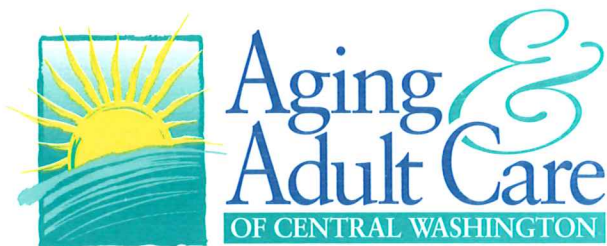
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As a provider of Behavioral Health and healthcare services, our agency sees the need for residents to have access to the People for People's transportation services. People for People's transportation projects will greatly increase opportunities for vulnerable populations that live in rural and isolated areas to access needed services such as ours. Our agency will continue to collaborate on shared initiatives that promote the health and wellbeing of all individuals including underserved, low-income families of Adams County. IHCS is part of the Adams County Health Alliance Collaborative and is working with other Adams County partners including People for People while moving forward in the Medicaid Transformation Project. Our partnership with People for People makes it easier and allows us to better align and support each other with providing holistic services to all County residents.

I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Vicki Guse in my office at 509-488-4074 or [vickig@co.adams.wa.us](mailto:vickig@co.adams.wa.us) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Vicki Guse  
Administrator



270 9th St. NE, Ste. 100 East Wenatchee, WA 98802-7674  
Telephone: 509-886-0700 Toll-Free: 800-572-4459 Fax: 509-884-6943

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Sincerely,

Erin Nelson  
Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington  
Director of Contracts



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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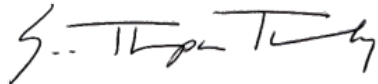
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Nuria Fernandez, Administrator  
October 26, 2021  
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Sincerely,

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Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy  
President



## CITY OF EPHRATA

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October 25, 2021

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I am pleased to support their application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact me at 509-754-4601 or email me at [mwarren@ephrata.org](mailto:mwarren@ephrata.org) if you have any questions.

SINCERELY,

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Mike Warren  
ADMINISTRATOR, CITY OF EPHRATA



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October 26, 2021

Madelyn Carlson  
People For People  
304 West Lincoln  
Yakima WA 98902

Dear Ms. Carlson:

This letter is to express the City of Grand Coulee's strong support for the People For People's application for the Public Transportation Consolidated Grant. It is critical that funding is available to you for vehicle replacement to provide reliable transportation services.

People For People has demonstrated their commitment and ability to provide transportation services to the vulnerable populations. Our community is comprised of a large number of senior citizens. Many are physically unable to drive, do not own a vehicle, do not have family to take them grocery shopping, medical appointments, or general shopping. Grand Coulee's remote location (50 miles to the transfer point in Davenport, 75 miles to Moses Lake, 58 miles to Ephrata) makes getting to out of town medical appointments very difficult for some residents and impossible for others.

As a provider of transportation for Grand Coulee's senior citizens and non-drivers to local and out-of-area appointments and events, People For People's transportation projects will maintain and can greatly increase opportunities for vulnerable populations living in rural and isolated areas to access needed services.

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for these important projects. Please feel free to contact the City of Grand Coulee if you have any questions, 509-633-1150.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Townsend  
Mayor

City of Sprague

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

John Eagleson, Mayor  
Sprague City Hall  
119 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Sprague, WA 99032

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Washington State Department of Transportation

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I am writing today to assist Washington State Department of Transportation, People for People, in acquiring a Buses and Bus Facilities grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

Currently, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is using 2014 MV-1 cutaway vehicles that are beyond a state of decent repair. Transportation is critical for individuals' access to health care, education, employment, nutrition, and other basic services. With the rising cost of fuel, there is a lack of transportation options for many residents, particularly for low-income and fixed-income individuals and families in remote rural locations. People for People is a nonprofit organization that provides transport for the individuals and families living in these rural areas.


They are requesting funds to buy three 5 passenger, ADA accessible vans equipped with manual lifts. These would be a much-needed replacement to their current 5-year-old vans whose breakdowns in extreme weather may pose a grievous health concern for passengers. Replacing these old vans would give amazing benefits to people with disabilities, those who come from low-income households, who are veterans, and others who lack reliable access to transportation. It would also give them safe access to tasks, places, and items vital to everyday living. In addition, it provides benefits to the environment with higher fuel efficiency and lower emissions. This is particularly important when transporting in extensive rural areas.

The cost of the three ADA accessible vans equipped with manual lifts would require a total of \$210,000. Using \$42,000 that have been committed from agency reserves and with \$168,000 from the FTA, the WSDOT could meet this threshold and provide our community with these vans, consequently providing the safety and other great benefits that come with them.

This investment supports many of Washington States most important system policy goals. Among those are safety, environment, mobility, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and economic vitality.

It delights me to write on behalf of People for People and support these goals. If you have any questions, please call my office at (509)257-2662 or email at [cityhall@sprague-wa.us](mailto:cityhall@sprague-wa.us).

Sincerely,



John Eagleson  
Mayor



10/25/2021

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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Silvie Valdez in my office at 509-764-5631 or svaldez@careersbycompass.com if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Silvie Valdez  
Program director



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Thank you for this opportunity to express support for these important projects. People For People vans have been incredibly helpful in helping us provide needed healthcare services to patients without other transportation options. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 509-433-3811

Sincerely,

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Peter Rutherford, MD  
Chief Executive Officer

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Gregg Fletcher  
Vice President, Grant County Operations

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## *Public Health & Social Services*

360 NW North Street  
Chehalis WA 98532

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*JP Anderson, M.S.W. Director*

*Alan Melnick, M.D., M.P.H., C.P.H Health Officer*

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Sincerely,

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JP Anderson, MSW  
Director, Public Health & Social Services

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Sincerely,

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Randy Mueller  
Chief Executive Officer

October 20, 2021

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Sincerely,



Gaelon Spradley  
Chief Executive Officer, Valley View Health Center



## Board of County Commissioners

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County Manager

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, BOCC Chair

  
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Vacant, Commissioner

THURSTON LEWIS MASON  
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL  
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OLYMPIA, WA 98501



October 22, 2021  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Maintaining buses and supporting infrastructure is safer for the traveling public and is also cost effective. This request will continue to help meet the goals of the Washington State's transportation system.

We are happy to support this application and urge your consideration. Feel free to contact me Bob Guenther President of the Thurston Lewis Mason Counties Central Labor Council. PO Box 66 Olympia WA, 98507

Sincerely

Bob Guenther  
President TLMCCLC



October 20, 2021

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Sincerely,

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Brandon Rakes  
Airport Operations Coordinator

Economic Alliance of Lewis County

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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Richard Debolt in my office at 360-748-0114 or [Richard@lewisedc.com](mailto:Richard@lewisedc.com) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Richard Debolt, Executive Director

# CITY OF CHEHALIS

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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact me through City Hall at 360-345-1042 or [ddawes@ci.chehalis.wa.us](mailto:ddawes@ci.chehalis.wa.us) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Dawes  
Mayor



October 20, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I write today in support of Twin Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Twin Transit, a rural transit provider in Lewis County, Washington, seeks \$879,633 (\$723,371 grant investment supported by \$156,262 local match) to purchase two electric vehicles and related equipment for their DARTT (dial-a-ride) and LIFTT (paratransit) services. This request includes two electric ProMaster vans to replace Twin Transit's outdated cutaway buses, which have greatly exceeded their useful lifecycle, and supporting equipment including a transformer, two charging stations, vehicle lift, and electric vehicle mechanical support systems. Obtaining the requested equipment is essential for the continuation of Twin Transit's DARTT and LIFTT programs, which connect our community members with access to medical appointments, employment, education, grocery shopping, and other essential life services. These programs serve local residents living with a disability, low-income individuals and families, senior citizens, and other minority or at-risk populations. They are essential for creating equity, supporting economic development, and providing opportunities for individual and collective growth.

Furthermore, by replacing out-of-date diesel equipment with electric ProMaster Vans, Twin Transit will reduce their organization's carbon footprint, eliminate emissions, and move closer to their goal of achieving a zero-emission fleet by the year 2030. This project directly supports the mission, goals and strategies of Twin Transit's Transit Development Plan (TDP).

Maintaining buses, and supporting infrastructure, in a state of good repair is not only safer for the traveling public, but also cost effective. Transit agencies that maintain their capital assets in a state of good repair are able to contribute positively to the economy of the local community while providing a safe and environmentally conscious transportation option for the public. Ensuring that transit agencies have the capital assets they need supports many of Washington State's transportation system policy goals: mobility, economic vitality, stewardship, environment, and safety.

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I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact me at 360-330-7674 or [rhill@cityofcentralia.com](mailto:rhill@cityofcentralia.com) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Hill", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Hill, City Manager  
City of Centralia



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Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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By replacing out-of-date diesel equipment with electric ProMaster Vans, Twin Transit will reduce its carbon footprint, eliminate emissions, and move closer to its goal of achieving a zero-emission fleet by the year 2030. This project directly supports the mission, goals and strategies of Twin Transit's Transit Development Plan (TDP), as well as Washington state's Clean Cars Initiative.

Maintaining buses and supporting infrastructure in a state of good repair is not only safer for the traveling public, but also cost effective. By maintaining capital assets in good repair, transit agencies contribute positively to the community's economy while providing a safe and environmentally conscious transportation option for the public. Ensuring that transit agencies have the capital assets they need supports many of Washington state's transportation system policy goals: mobility, economic vitality, stewardship, environment, and safety.

I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, I may be reached at 360-623-8924 or [monica.brummer@centralia.edu](mailto:monica.brummer@centralia.edu).

With best regards,   
Monica Brummer, Director, Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy



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October 20, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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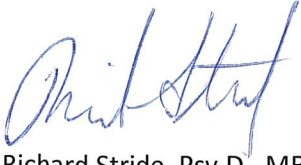
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Furthermore, by replacing out-of-date diesel equipment with electric ProMaster Vans, Twin Transit will reduce their organization's carbon footprint, eliminate emissions, and move closer to their goal of achieving a zero-emission fleet by the year 2030. This project directly supports the mission, goals, and strategies of Twin Transit's Transit Development Plan (TDP).

Maintaining buses, and supporting infrastructure, in a state of good repair is not only safer for the traveling public, but also cost effective. Transit agencies that maintain their capital assets in a state of good repair are able to contribute positively to the economy of the local community while providing a safe and environmentally conscious transportation option for the public. Ensuring that transit agencies have the capital assets they need supports many of Washington State's transportation system policy goals: mobility, economic vitality, stewardship, environment, and safety.

I am pleased to support this application for funding, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact Richard Stride in my office at 360-330-9044 or [strider@cascadementalhealth.org](mailto:strider@cascadementalhealth.org) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Stride". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Stride" clearly distinguishable.

Dr. Richard Stride, Psy.D., MBA, LPC, LMHC  
President and Chief Executive Officer



# Energy Program

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October 21, 2021

Nuria Fernandez, Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities –  
Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

The WSU Energy Program provides education and technical assistance in support of transportation electrification for all public fleets in Washington through its Green Transportation Program. We support the Twin Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation to the Federal Transit Administration.

Twin Transit is a rural transit provider in Lewis County, WA seeking \$879,633 (\$723,371 grant investment plus \$156,262 local match) to purchase two electric ProMaster vans and related equipment for their DARTT (dial-a-ride) and LIFTT (paratransit) services. These new e-vans will replace outdated, polluting cutaway buses, which have greatly exceeded their useful life. The supporting equipment includes a transformer, two charging stations, vehicle lift, and electric vehicle mechanical support systems.

Completing this upgrade is essential to continue the DARTT and LIFTT programs – which connect community members with access to medical appointments, employment, education, grocery shopping, and other essential life services. These programs serve local residents living with disabilities, low-income individuals and families, senior citizens, and other minority or at-risk populations. They are essential for creating equity, supporting economic development, and providing opportunities for individual and collective growth.

By replacing out-of-date diesel vans with state-of-the-art, all-electric ProMaster Vans, Twin Transit can reduce its carbon footprint, eliminate air pollution, and move closer to its goal of a zero-emission fleet by 2030. This effort is not only consistent with the State of Washington's carbon reduction goals, but it will also serve as an important demonstration of electrification by a rural transit agency in our state.

I urge your positive consideration of this proposal. Please contact WSU Energy Program team member, Jim Jensen at 206-229-3273, or [jensenj@energy.wsu.edu](mailto:jensenj@energy.wsu.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd Currier  
Director



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October 26, 2021

Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I write today in support of Twin Transit and its Buses and Bus Facilities grant application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The CWCOG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the five-county region including Lewis, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. The Southwest Washington RTPO board approved the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the region. The RTP includes policy statements supportive of this project concept. The CWCOG also prepared the 2018 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP). Twin Transit's planned improvements are consistent with the regional strategies for multi-modal transportation outlined in the RTP and the CPT-HSTP.

Twin Transit, a rural transit provider in Lewis County, Washington, seeks \$879,633 (\$723,371 grant investment supported by \$156,262 local match) to purchase two electric vehicles and related equipment for their DARTT (dial-a-ride) and LIFTT (paratransit) services. This request includes two electric ProMaster vans to replace Twin Transit's outdated cutaway buses, which have greatly exceeded their useful lifecycle, and supporting equipment including a transformer, two charging stations, vehicle lift, and electric vehicle mechanical support systems. Obtaining the requested equipment is essential for the continuation of Twin Transit's DARTT and LIFTT programs, which connect our community members with access to medical appointments, employment, education, grocery shopping, and other essential life services. These programs serve local residents living with a disability, low-income individuals and families, senior citizens, and other minority or at-risk populations. They are essential for creating equity, supporting economic development, and providing opportunities for individual and collective growth.

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Sincerely,



William A. Fashing  
Executive Director