



February 27, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of The Bus Coalition's (TBC) membership of over 140 small, medium, and large transit agencies spanning across 36 states and the Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA) 1,500 small city, rural, tribal and specialized transit operations, we would like to congratulate you on your inauguration as the 45th President of the United States. We appreciate your commitment to improving America's transportation infrastructure and look forward to working with you to ensure bus transit systems continue to provide vital service throughout the country.

Buses are the backbone of transit service across America. More than one-half of all transit trips in America are carried by buses, providing access for workers, students, families, patients, and shoppers. Many CTAA and TBC members come from rural and suburban areas that rely on bus service. As you craft and refine your investment package proposal, we hope you will support increased funding for public transit as recommended by CTAA and the American Public Transit Association (APTA).

Specifically, we support providing \$2.85 billion in additional investment to the FTA Bus and Bus Facility program to help transit systems across the country reach a state of good repair and operate a safe, affordable and efficient bus fleet. This funding request would simply fill the gap in funds diverted from the bus program between 2013-2020.

Modernizing our nation's transit fleet with federal support will quickly create thousands of good paying manufacturing jobs in the United States, increase access to work and commercial centers and help address the backlog of aging bus fleets and facilities. We estimate this modest level of investment would allow for the purchase of over 14,000 domestically manufactured buses and create over 100,000 jobs across the country. Investing in bus replacement programs can quickly boost economic activity. Across the country, bus purchase orders are sitting on the shelf and, if funds were available, orders could be processed in a matter of days, not months or years.

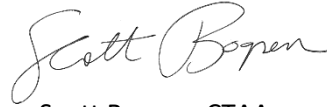
Unfortunately, federal support was diverted from buses over the past decade. Under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), bus funding was cut by 57 percent, and the bus competitive grant program was eliminated. Because of cuts to the federal bus program, the number of transit buses operating past their useful life increased nearly 40 percent since 2009. The recently passed Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) Act restored some funding for bus programs. However, more investment is needed to address the current backlog and bring bus transit systems to a state of good repair.

CTAA and the Bus Coalition look forward to working with you on initiatives to restore and expand our nation's transportation infrastructure and spur economic development projects across the country. For additional information, please contact Jeff Hamm at Jeff.Hamm@buscoalition.com or Scott Bogren at bogren@ctaa.org. Thank you for your time and consideration of our investment package request.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
The Bus Coalition



Scott Bogren, CTAA
Executive Director
Community Transportation Association of America

Additional signers of this letter:

Alaska

"the RIDE"/Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Sitka, AK

Alabama

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Birmingham, AL

Arkansas

Kopke & Associates Inc.
Fayetteville, AR

Arizona

City of Cottonwood / Cottonwood Area Transit
Cottonwood, AZ

NAIPTA
Flagstaff, AZ

Northwest Valley Connect
Peoria, AZ

Western AZ Council of Governments
Kingman, AZ

California

Access Services
El Monte, CA

Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Lancaster, CA

Complete Coach Works
Riverside, CA

Foothill Transit
West Covina, CA

Fresno Area Express
Fresno, CA

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Fresno, CA

Gold Coast Transit District
Oxnard, CA

InterMotive
Auburn, CA

Modoc Transportation Agency
Alturas, CA

Norwalk Transit System
Norwalk, CA

Renewing Life
Chula Vista, CA

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)
Stockton, CA

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Santa Cruz, CA

Shuttle Bus Leasing
Riverside, CA

Transit Sales International
Riverside, CA

Victor Valley Transit Authority
Hesperia, CA

Colorado

Seniors Resource Center Transportation Services
Denver, CO

Summit County, Colorado
Breckenridge, CO

Easter Seals Colorado
Lakewood, CO

Mesa County RTPO
Grand Junction, CO

Mountain Express - Crested Butte
Crested Butte, CO

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Glenwood Springs, CO

Colorado Association of Transit Agencies
Denver, CO

Connecticut

Connecticut Association for Community
Transportation
Canton, CT

Estuary Transit District
Centerbrook, CT

Florida

Florida Public Transportation Association
Tallahassee, FL

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, FL

Senior Resource Association
Vero Beach, FL

Space Coast Area Transit
Cocoa, FL

Transportation America
Miami, FL

Georgia

Athens Transit
Athens, GA

Augusta Public Transit
Augusta, GA

Coastal Regional Commission
Darien, GA

Iowa

Bourne Transit Consulting, LLC
Ames, IA

Ames Transit Agency (CyRide)
Ames, IA

Cedar Rapids Transit
Cedar Rapids, IA

City of Bettendorf Transit
Bettendorf, IA

City of Muscatine
Muscatine, IA

Delaware Dubuque Jackson County Regional Transit
Authority
Dubuque, IA

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority
Des Moines, IA

EARL Public Transit
Decorah, IA

ECIGOG
Cedar Rapids, IA

HIRTA Public Transit
Urbandale, IA

Iowa Public Transit Association
Des Moines, IA

Linn County LIFTS
Cedar Rapids, IA

Marshalltown Municipal Transit
MARSHALLTOWN, IA

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Black Hawk
County.
Waterloo, IA

Mid Iowa Development Association (MIDAS) Council
of Governments
Fort Dodge, IA

Municipal Transit Administration
Clinton, IA

Neighborhood Transportation Service
Cedar Rapids, IA

North Iowa Area Council of Governments / Region 2
Transit System
Mason City, IA

Region 6 Planning/Peoplerides
Marshalltown, IA

River Bend Transit
Davenport, IA

Sioux City Transit System
Sioux City, IA

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council
(SIMPCO)
Sioux City, IA

Siouxland Regional Transit System
Sioux City, IA

Southern Iowa Trolley
Creston, IA

Southwest Iowa Transit Agency
Atlantic, IA

Idaho

Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
Ketchum, ID

Valley Regional Transit
Meridian, ID

Illinois

Bi-State Regional Commission
Rock Island, IL

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
Urbana, IL

Rides Mass Transit District
Harrisburg, IL

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
Bourbonnais, IL

Rockford Mass Transit District
Rockford, IL

South Central Illinois Mass Transit District
Centralia, IL

Indiana

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
Bloomington, IN

Fort Wayne Citilink
Fort Wayne, IN

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation
(IndyGo)
Indianapolis, IN

McLary Management
Bloomington, IN

Ride Solution - So. Indiana Development
Commission
Washington, IN

Kansas

Sedgwick County Transportation
Wichita, KS

Topeka Metro
Topeka, KS

Wichita Transit
Wichita, KS

Kentucky

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership, Inc.
Frankfort, KY

Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. d/b/a
RTEC
Mount Vernon, KY

Kentucky Public Transit Association
Louisville, KY

Transit Authority of River City
Louisville, KY

Louisiana

Allen Council on Aging/Allen Parish Transit
Oakdale, LA

SporTran (Shreveport Transit Management Inc.)
Shreveport, LA

St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency
Opelousas, LA

Massachusetts

Cape Ann Transportation Authority
Gloucester, MA

GATRA
Taunton, MA

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority
Springfield, MA

Transportation Planning and Resource Group
Lexington, MA

Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA)
Worcester, MA

Maryland

Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of
Maryland, Shore Transit Division
Salisbury, MD

Harford Transit LINK
Abingdon, MD

St. Mary's Transit System
California, MD

Transit Services of Frederick County
Frederick, MD

Maine

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program
Waterville, ME

Penquis/Lynx Mobility Services
Bangor, ME

Michigan

Transportation Management, Inc. St.
Joseph, MI

Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority
Cadillac, MI

Capital Area Transportation Authority
Lansing, MI

Central County Transportation Authority
Kalamazoo, MI

Charlevoix County Transit
Boyne City, MI

Clare County Transit
Harrison, MI

Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority
Lapeer, MI

Interurban Transit Authority
Douglas, MI

Macatawa Area Express
Holland, MI

Mass Transportation Authority
Flint, MI

Michigan Association of Transportation Systems
Boyne City, MI

Michigan Department of Transportation
Lansing, MI

Michigan Public Transit Association
East Lansing, MI

RCTA
Roscommon, MI

Roscommon County Transportation Authority
Houghton Lake, MI

Minnesota

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Nett Lake, MN

Brainerd & Crow Wing Public Transit
Brainerd, MN

Duluth Transit Authority
Duluth, MN

New Flyer Industries
St Cloud, MN

Rolling Hills Transit
Rushford, MN

Tri County Action Program
Waite Park, MN

Missouri

City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
Springfield, MO

OATS, Inc.
Columbia, MO

SMTS, Inc.
Fredericktown, MO

City of Columbia
Columbia, MO

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
Kansas City, MO

Mississippi

Bolivar County Council on Aging, Inc.
Cleveland, MS

Aaron E Henry Community Health Center/ DARTS
Clarksdale, MS

Coast Transit Authority
Gulfport, MS

Mississippi Department of Transportation
Jackson, MS

Natchez Transit System
Natchez, MS

Montana

Great Falls Transit District
Great Falls, MT

HRDC/Streamline & Galavan Transportation
Bozeman, MT

Missoula Urban Transportation District (Mountain
Line)
Missoula, MT

North Carolina

Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Wilmington, NC

Fayetteville Area System of Transit
Fayetteville, NC

North Carolina Public Transportation Association
Greenville, NC

North Dakota

Grand Forks Cities Area Transit
Grand Forks, ND

Kenmare Transit
Kenmare, ND

South Central Adult Services
Valley City, ND

West River Transit
Bismarck, ND

Nebraska

Senior Services, Inc.
Alliance, NE

Panhandle Trails Intercity Public Transit
Alliance, NE

Saline County Area Transit
Western, NE

Transit Authority of the City of Omaha
Omaha, NE

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Transit Association
Lebanon, NH

Tri-County Community Action Program
Berlin, NH

VNA @ HCS Home Healthcare Hospice &
Community services
Keene, NH

New Jersey

Cape May County Fare Free Transportation
Cape May Court House , NJ

Ocean County Department of Transportation
Services (Ocean Ride)
Toms River, NJ

New Mexico

Clovis Area Transit System
Clovis, NM

Golden Spread Rural Frontier Express Coalition
Clayton, NM

Incorporated County of Los Alamos - Atomic City
Transit
Los Alamos , NM

Ohkay Owingeh Planning & Transportation
Department
Ohkay Owingeh, NM

Portales Area Transit
Portales , NM

Nevada

Carson City/ Jump Around Carson (JAC) Transit
System
Carson City, NV

LGS Group
Incline Village, NV

Southern Nevada Transit Coalition
Laughlin, NV

New York

Medical Motor Service
Rochester, NY

Ohio

Akron METRO Regional Transit Authority
Akron, OH

AMFBruns of America
Hudson, OH

Ashland Public Transit
Ashland, OH

Carroll County Transit
Carrollton, OH

Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATA Bus)
Delaware, OH

GCRTA
Cleveland, OH

Geauga County Transit
Chardon, OH

Greater Dayton RTA
Dayton, OH

Greenville Transit System
Greenville, OH

Health Transit Pool of Ohio
Wadsworth, OH

Laketran
Painesville, OH

Morrow County Transportation Collaborative
Mt Gilead, OH

NEORide
Wadsworth, OH

Ohio Public Transit Association
Columbus, OH

Ohio Transit Risk Pool
Wadsworth, OH

Seneca-Crawford Area Transportation
Tiffin, OH

South East Area Transit
Zanesville, OH

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Cincinnati, OH

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority
Canton, OH

Tesco-Transportation Equipment Sales Corp.
Oregon, OH

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority
Toledo, OH

TRIPS
Fremont, OH

Western Reserve Transit Authority
Youngstown, OH

Wilmington Transit System
Wilmington, OH

Oklahoma

Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART)
Norman, OK

KI BOIS Area Transit System
Stigler, OK

Oklahoma Transit Association
Oklahoma City, OK

Oregon

Ride Connection, Inc.
Portland, OR

Benton County Special and Rural Transportation
Corvallis, OR

City of Corvallis
Corvallis, OR

Lane Transit District
Eugene, OR

Lincoln County Transit
Newport, OR

Salem-Keizer Transit
Salem, OR

Sunset Empire Transportation District
Astoria, OR

Tillamook County Transportation District
Tillamook, OR

Pennsylvania

Center for Community Building, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA

Altoona Metro Transit
Altoona, PA

Area Transportation Authority of North Central
Pennsylvania
Johnsonburg , PA

Beaver County Transit Authority
Rochester, PA

Butler Transit Authority
Butler, PA

Cambria County Transit Authority
Johnstown , PA

Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)
State College, PA

Westmoreland County Transit Authority
Greensburg, PA

Rhode Island

RI Public Transit Authority
Providence, RI

South Carolina

Williamsburg County Transit
Kingstree, SC

South Dakota

City of Rapid City, SD
Rapid City, SD

Community Transit, Inc.
Sisseton, SD

Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. Transit
Lake Andes, SD

SESDAC, Inc. dba Vermillion Public Transit
Vermillion, SD

Watertown Area Transit, Inc.
Watertown, SD

Brookings Area Transit Authority
Brookings, SD

Palace Transit
Mitchell, SD

River Cities Public Transit
Pierre, SD

Tennessee

Tennessee Regional Safety Council, Inc.
Nashville, TN

Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation
Authority
Chattanooga, TN

CTS
Clarksville, TN

Southwest Human Resource Agency
Henderson, TN

Tennessee Public Transportation Association
Nashville, TN

The TMA Group | Franklin Transit Authority
Franklin, TN

Texas

Brazos Transit District
Bryan, TX

Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living
Bryan, TX

Colorado Valley Transit District
Columbus, TX

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County
Houston, TX

Sun Metro
El Paso, TX

VIA Metropolitan Transit
San Antonio, TX

Utah

Cache Valley Transit District
Logan, UT

Park City Transit
Park City, UT

Virginia

RADAR-UHSTS, Inc.
Roanoke, VA

Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc
Front Royal, VA

City of Charlottesville
Charlottesville, VA

Hampton Roads Transit
Norfolk, VA

Vermont

Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc.
Randolph, VT

Addison County Transit Resources
Middlebury, VT

Green Mountain Transit
Burlington , VT

Rural Community Transportation
Lyndonville , VT

Southeast Vermont Transit
Wilmington, VT

Washington

A+ Transportation NW, Inc.
Yakima, WA

Asotin County PTBA
Clarkston, WA

ATS Trans Around the Sound
Tacoma, WA

Ben Franklin Transit
Richland, WA

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area
(dba C-TRAN)
Vancouver, WA

Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service
Longview,, WA

Everett Transit
Everett, WA

Grant Transit Authority
Moses Lake, WA

Intercity Transit
Olympia, WA

Island Transit
Coupeville, WA

Kitsap Transit
Bremerton, WA

Link Transit
Wenatchee, WA

Mason Transit Authority
Shelton, WA

Pacific Transit
Raymond, WA

Pierce Transit
Lakewood, WA

RiverCities Transit
City of Longview, WA

Skagit Transit
Burlington, WA

Snohomish County PTBA; dba Community Transit
Everett, WA

Washington State Transit Association
Olympia , WA

Whatcom Transportation Authority
Bellingham, WA

Wisconsin

City of Altoona, WI
Altoona, WI

Wheels of Independence, Inc./River City Cab Public
Transit
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Bay Area Rural Transit
Ashland, WI

Belle Urban System
Racine, WI

City of Beloit/ Beloit Transit System
Beloit, WI

City of Janesville Transit System
Janesville , WI

City of Manitowoc Maritime Metro Transit
Manitowoc, WI

City of Racine Transit and Parking Commission
Racine, WI

City of Sheboygan
Sheboygan, WI

City of Wausau/Metro Ride
Wausau, WI

Eau Claire Transit
Eau Claire, WI

Fond du Lac Area Transit
Fond du Lac, WI

Go Transit/City of Oshkosh
Oshkosh, WI

Green Bay Metro
Green Bay, WI

Kenosha Area Transit
Kenosha , WI

Merrill Transit System
Merrill, WI

Metro Transit
Madison, WI

Milwaukee County Transit System
Milwaukee, WI

North Central Health Care
Wausau, WI

Ozaukee County Transit Services
Port Washington, WI

Stevens Point Transit
Stevens Point, WI

Valley Transit
Appleton, WI

WI Assn. of Mobility Managers (WAMM)
Dodgeville, WI

Wisconsin Public Transportation Association
Appleton , WI

YWCA Madison
Madison, WI

West Virginia

Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority
FAIRMONT, WV

Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority
Parkersburg, WV

Mountain Line Transit Authority
Morgantown, WV

Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority
Wheeling, WV

Potomac Valley Transit Authority
Petersburg, WV

Wyoming

Cheyenne Transit Program
Cheyenne, WY

Cc: The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation
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U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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