

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 2, 2020

Mr. Victor Waldron
Office of Program Management
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Waldron:

I write in support of the application submitted by the City of Nashua for a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low or No Emissions Grant Program. Funding will enable the City to purchase two new hybrid electric gasoline vans and one fully electric car and associated electric charging station. This change would significantly reduce emissions from the City's fleet while also increasing efficiency.

The City of Nashua is the second largest city in New Hampshire and operates the Nashua Transit System, providing approximately 450,000 rides annually while traveling over 600,000 road miles. It is currently working to replace most of the vehicles in its aging transportation fleet. This is necessary to meet the state of good repair standards that are now required by the FTA's Transit Asset Management guidelines and comply with the City's goals to reduce overall fleet emissions and energy consumption.

With support from FTA, the City will replace the oldest three vehicles in its fleet – two 2009 diesel vans and one 1999 gasoline-powered supervisor vehicle. The vehicles have greatly exceeded their useful life, and their energy consumption and maintenance issues will continue to rise. Investing in newer and more energy-efficient vehicles will help the City better serve its residents and meet its mission of providing convenient, affordable and reliable transportation.

I support the application from the City of Nashua and urge your consideration of this worthy proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Jarvis on my staff at 603-647-7500.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator