

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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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's (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. Funding from the program would enable the City to replace two of the oldest vehicles in its fleet and make safety and technological upgrades to its Transit Center. These changes would improve the City's ability to provide the highest level of service to its passengers.

Operating in the second largest city in New Hampshire, the Nashua Transit System provides approximately 450,000 rides annually that travel over 600,000 road miles. It is currently working to replace most of the vehicles in its aging bus 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 vision of the Transit System as an adaptable and current community resource.

With support from the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program, the City of Nashua will replace the two oldest vehicles in its fleet. It will also make significant technological enhancements at its Transit Center, including public Wi-Fi, as well as real-time tracking that will share a bus's location while passengers wait. The City will also seek out additional technology that will increase the connectivity of tablets on buses. These improvements 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