



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: U.S. Department of Transportation - TIGER Grant Application – Foothill Transit Service Expansion with Electric Buses #GRANT12156275

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to express our support for Foothill Transit's application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funds. This funding will enable Foothill Transit to continue its rapid progress towards full electrification of its bus fleet by 2030, which will have transformative benefits for the San Gabriel Valley, with significant reductions in pollution and energy usage. These investments are part of Foothill Transit's participation in your "Race to Zero" with the goal of having the United States lead China in a friendly but competitive race to implement zero emission transit buses.

Foothill Transit has been the leader in electric bus technology since 2010, with the deployment of the first three fast charge electric buses in the nation. With the largest electric bus fleet in the U.S., Foothill Transit now operates multiple transit routes with clean electric vehicles, creating an across the board reduction in carbon emissions, operating noise, and energy costs.

This TIGER proposal will extend these benefits to a wider swath of the population by deploying 60 more electric buses onto routes throughout the San Gabriel Valley, electrifying nearly a third of Foothill Transit's fleet. Ten of these buses will be electric double decker buses, the first of their kind in the country, providing express service to and from Los Angeles Union Station. The remaining 50 Proterra Catalyst buses, built locally at Proterra's facility in the San Gabriel Valley, will replace existing natural gas buses in local service throughout the region, providing zero emission connections to two major transit hubs: the El Monte Station and the Pomona Transit Center. Charging infrastructure to support this electric bus expansion is also requested in this grant application. These zero emission connections provide large multimodal transfer capabilities which will strengthen connectivity throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The greater Los Angeles region currently has some of the worst air quality in the country. The conversion of Foothill Transit's fleet to fully electric vehicles proactively addresses these environmental concerns, as well as promotes leadership in electric vehicle deployment in the greater Southern California region.


On behalf of the residents of the area we represent, we appreciate your consideration of Foothill Transit's application for the TIGER grant, as we work to invest for the benefit of generations to come. We look forward to seeing Foothill Transit play a key role as part of the "Race to Zero" competition.

Sincerely,


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