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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my strong support for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program grant application that would provide matching funds to permit the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to acquire 15 zero-emission electric buses. It is my understanding that the application has been formally submitted to the FTA by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and that Metro is a sub-recipient of the funding request.

Metro/SCAG's proposal for LoNo Program funds seeks to leverage local funds, with federal funds, to purchase and deploy 15 new 60-foot zero-emission electric buses, three opportunity charging stations and 15 shop charging stations for operation on the successful Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley. Metro's Orange Line bus rapid transit system is currently exceeding all ridership expectations, with daily boardings now in excess of 28,000 transit riders, and is expected to grow as community oriented development continues to move forward in the project's area.

The grant application submitted to the FTA is scalable. If the requested \$10.4 million is awarded by the FTA, along with \$15.2 million in local matching funds, this project will result in the first deployment and operation of 60-foot zero-emission electric buses in the Western United States. There is no doubt that our transit customers across the San Fernando Valley will benefit from having state of the art buses operating on one of the nation's busiest bus rapid transit lines.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information with respect to this grant application. I am confident that SCAG's application for the LoNo Program will receive every consideration.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress

