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March 18, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I request your full and fair consideration of Skagit Transit's request for \$19.5 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Fiscal Year 2024 grant program. Skagit Transit would use this funding to complete its new facility for Maintenance Operations and Administration (MOA).

Skagit Transit is a public transit system that serves Skagit County, Washington, which is in my district. The system operates fixed bus routes, commuter bus and vanpool programs, and paratransit services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. These services support statewide efforts to reduce congestion and harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Skagit Transit would use this RAISE grant for phases 2 and 3 of construction of the MOA facility. The new facility is needed to maintain current levels of transit service and to accommodate expected population growth in Skagit County. The MOA facility will add space for staff and equipment as Skagit Transit expands its local and regional services. It will include low- and no-emissions infrastructure to help meet state and national environmental sustainability goals. The facility will also make Skagit Transit more resilient by removing transit vehicles and other assets from a flood plain. The project is shovel-ready, with phases 2 and 3 in final design and set for construction by fall 2024.

For these reasons, I request your full and fair consideration of Skagit Transit's application for the RAISE grant program. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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