

United States Senate

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K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Williams,

I am writing in the support of Intercity Transit's application to the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5339(b) Grant for Bus and Bus Facilities.

Intercity Transit plays a pivotal role in increasing mobility choices throughout the Thurston County region with a combination of fixed-route, Dial-a-Lift, and vanpool services. Intercity Transit connects rural communities to jobs, services, and other opportunities in urban areas. Programs offered by Intercity Transit include providing cost-effective vanpool options to active duty service members at Joint Base Lewis-McChord which reduces highway congestion.

Intercity Transit is seeking funding for the final phase of the Bus Yard Expansion and Propane Fueling Station project. The project renovates a facility that was originally designed for 80 vehicles into a facility able to accommodate 400 vehicles through the expansion of their bus yard. This expansion will include repaving and leveling the site to allow for more vehicles to return at night for servicing, adding a propane fueling station to fuel cleaner burning propane Dial-a-Lifts vehicles on-site, and integrating storm-water facilities for both sides of the Pattison campus which will have environmental benefits and cost savings.

Intercity transit has already secured half the funds from local, state, and regional sources, including a voter-approved proposition. Intercity Transit seeks funding to complete the final project phase.

Thank you for full and fair consideration of Intercity Transit's grant application.

Sincerely,



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