



February 27, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of The Bus Coalition's (TBC) membership of over 140 small, medium, and large transit agencies spanning across 36 states and the Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA) 1,500 small city, rural, tribal and specialized transit operations, we would like to congratulate you on your inauguration as the 45th President of the United States. We appreciate your commitment to improving America's transportation infrastructure and look forward to working with you to ensure bus transit systems continue to provide vital service throughout the country.

Buses are the backbone of transit service across America. More than one-half of all transit trips in America are carried by buses, providing access for workers, students, families, patients, and shoppers. Many CTAA and TBC members come from rural and suburban areas that rely on bus service. As you craft and refine your investment package proposal, we hope you will support increased funding for public transit as recommended by CTAA and the American Public Transit Association (APTA).

Specifically, we support providing \$2.85 billion in additional investment to the FTA Bus and Bus Facility program to help transit systems across the country reach a state of good repair and operate a safe, affordable and efficient bus fleet. This funding request would simply fill the gap in funds diverted from the bus program between 2013-2020.

Modernizing our nation's transit fleet with federal support will quickly create thousands of good paying manufacturing jobs in the United States, increase access to work and commercial centers and help address the backlog of aging bus fleets and facilities. We estimate this modest level of investment would allow for the purchase of over 14,000 domestically manufactured buses and create over 100,000 jobs across the country. Investing in bus replacement programs can quickly boost economic activity. Across the country, bus purchase orders are sitting on the shelf and, if funds were available, orders could be processed in a matter of days, not months or years.

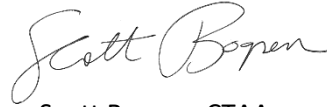
Unfortunately, federal support was diverted from buses over the past decade. Under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), bus funding was cut by 57 percent, and the bus competitive grant program was eliminated. Because of cuts to the federal bus program, the number of transit buses operating past their useful life increased nearly 40 percent since 2009. The recently passed Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) Act restored some funding for bus programs. However, more investment is needed to address the current backlog and bring bus transit systems to a state of good repair.

CTAA and the Bus Coalition look forward to working with you on initiatives to restore and expand our nation's transportation infrastructure and spur economic development projects across the country. For additional information, please contact Jeff Hamm at [Jeff.Hamm@buscoalition.com](mailto:Jeff.Hamm@buscoalition.com) or Scott Bogren at [bogren@ctaa.org](mailto:bogren@ctaa.org). Thank you for your time and consideration of our investment package request.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hamm  
Chairman  
The Bus Coalition



Scott Bogren, CTAA  
Executive Director  
Community Transportation Association of America

**Additional signers of this letter:**

**Alaska**

"the RIDE"/Sitka Tribe of Alaska  
Sitka, AK

**Alabama**

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority  
Birmingham, AL

**Arkansas**

Kopke & Associates Inc.  
Fayetteville, AR

**Arizona**

City of Cottonwood / Cottonwood Area Transit  
Cottonwood, AZ

NAIPTA  
Flagstaff, AZ

Northwest Valley Connect  
Peoria, AZ

Western AZ Council of Governments  
Kingman, AZ

**California**

Access Services  
El Monte, CA

Antelope Valley Transit Authority  
Lancaster, CA

Complete Coach Works  
Riverside, CA

Foothill Transit  
West Covina, CA

Fresno Area Express  
Fresno, CA

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency  
Fresno, CA

Gold Coast Transit District  
Oxnard, CA

InterMotive  
Auburn, CA

Modoc Transportation Agency  
Alturas, CA

Norwalk Transit System  
Norwalk, CA

Renewing Life  
Chula Vista, CA

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)  
Stockton, CA

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
Santa Cruz, CA

Shuttle Bus Leasing  
Riverside, CA

Transit Sales International  
Riverside, CA

Victor Valley Transit Authority  
Hesperia, CA

**Colorado**

Seniors Resource Center Transportation Services  
Denver, CO

Summit County, Colorado  
Breckenridge, CO

Easter Seals Colorado  
Lakewood, CO

Mesa County RTPO  
Grand Junction, CO

Mountain Express - Crested Butte  
Crested Butte, CO

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Glenwood Springs, CO

### **Connecticut**

Connecticut Association for Community  
Transportation  
Canton, CT

Estuary Transit District  
Centerbrook, CT

### **Florida**

Florida Public Transportation Association  
Tallahassee, FL

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority  
St. Petersburg, FL

Senior Resource Association  
Vero Beach, FL

Space Coast Area Transit  
Cocoa, FL

Transportation America  
Miami, FL

### **Georgia**

Athens Transit  
Athens, GA

Augusta Public Transit  
Augusta, GA

Coastal Regional Commission  
Darien, GA

### **Iowa**

Bourne Transit Consulting, LLC  
Ames, IA

Ames Transit Agency (CyRide)  
Ames, IA

Cedar Rapids Transit  
Cedar Rapids, IA

City of Bettendorf Transit  
Bettendorf, IA

City of Muscatine  
Muscatine, IA

Delaware Dubuque Jackson County Regional Transit  
Authority  
Dubuque, IA

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority  
Des Moines, IA

EARL Public Transit  
Decorah, IA

ECIGOG  
Cedar Rapids, IA

HIRTA Public Transit  
Urbandale, IA

Iowa Public Transit Association  
Des Moines, IA

Linn County LIFTS  
Cedar Rapids, IA

Marshalltown Municipal Transit  
MARSHALLTOWN, IA

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Black Hawk  
County.  
Waterloo, IA

Mid Iowa Development Association (MIDAS) Council  
of Governments  
Fort Dodge, IA

Municipal Transit Administration  
Clinton, IA

Neighborhood Transportation Service  
Cedar Rapids, IA

North Iowa Area Council of Governments / Region 2  
Transit System  
Mason City, IA

Region 6 Planning/Peoplerides  
Marshalltown, IA

River Bend Transit  
Davenport, IA

Sioux City Transit System  
Sioux City, IA

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council  
(SIMPCO)  
Sioux City, IA

Siouxland Regional Transit System  
Sioux City, IA

Southern Iowa Trolley  
Creston, IA

Southwest Iowa Transit Agency  
Atlantic, IA

### **Idaho**

Mountain Rides Transportation Authority  
Ketchum, ID

Valley Regional Transit  
Meridian, ID

### **Illinois**

Bi-State Regional Commission  
Rock Island, IL

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District  
Urbana, IL

Rides Mass Transit District  
Harrisburg, IL

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District  
Bourbonnais, IL

Rockford Mass Transit District  
Rockford, IL

South Central Illinois Mass Transit District  
Centralia, IL

### **Indiana**

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation  
Bloomington, IN

Fort Wayne Citilink  
Fort Wayne, IN

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation  
(IndyGo)  
Indianapolis, IN

McLary Management  
Bloomington, IN

Ride Solution - So. Indiana Development  
Commission  
Washington, IN

### **Kansas**

Sedgwick County Transportation  
Wichita, KS

Topeka Metro  
Topeka, KS

Wichita Transit  
Wichita, KS

### **Kentucky**

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership, Inc.  
Frankfort, KY

Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. d/b/a  
RTEC  
Mount Vernon, KY

Kentucky Public Transit Association  
Louisville, KY

Transit Authority of River City  
Louisville, KY

### **Louisiana**

Allen Council on Aging/Allen Parish Transit  
Oakdale, LA

SporTran (Shreveport Transit Management Inc.)  
Shreveport, LA

St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency  
Opelousas, LA

### **Massachusetts**

Cape Ann Transportation Authority  
Gloucester, MA

GATRA  
Taunton, MA

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority  
Springfield, MA

Transportation Planning and Resource Group  
Lexington, MA

Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA)  
Worcester, MA

**Maryland**

Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of  
Maryland, Shore Transit Division  
Salisbury, MD

Harford Transit LINK  
Abingdon, MD

St. Mary's Transit System  
California, MD

Transit Services of Frederick County  
Frederick, MD

**Maine**

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program  
Waterville, ME

Penquis/Lynx Mobility Services  
Bangor, ME

**Michigan**

Transportation Management, Inc. St.  
Joseph, MI

Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority  
Cadillac, MI

Capital Area Transportation Authority  
Lansing, MI

Central County Transportation Authority  
Kalamazoo, MI

Charlevoix County Transit  
Boyne City, MI

Clare County Transit  
Harrison, MI

Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority  
Lapeer, MI

Interurban Transit Authority  
Douglas, MI

Macatawa Area Express  
Holland, MI

Mass Transportation Authority  
Flint, MI

Michigan Association of Transportation Systems  
Boyne City, MI

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Lansing, MI

Michigan Public Transit Association  
East Lansing, MI

RCTA  
Roscommon, MI

Roscommon County Transportation Authority  
Houghton Lake, MI

**Minnesota**

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa  
Nett Lake, MN

Brainerd & Crow Wing Public Transit  
Brainerd, MN

Duluth Transit Authority  
Duluth, MN

New Flyer Industries  
St Cloud, MN

Rolling Hills Transit  
Rushford, MN

Tri County Action Program  
Waite Park, MN

**Missouri**

City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri  
Springfield, MO

OATS, Inc.  
Columbia, MO

SMTS, Inc.  
Fredericktown, MO

City of Columbia  
Columbia, MO

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority  
Kansas City, MO

**Mississippi**

Bolivar County Council on Aging, Inc.  
Cleveland, MS

Aaron E Henry Community Health Center/ DARTS  
Clarksdale, MS

Coast Transit Authority  
Gulfport, MS

Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Jackson, MS

Natchez Transit System  
Natchez, MS

### **Montana**

Great Falls Transit District  
Great Falls, MT

HRDC/Streamline & Galavan Transportation  
Bozeman, MT

Missoula Urban Transportation District (Mountain  
Line)  
Missoula, MT

### **North Carolina**

Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
Wilmington, NC

Fayetteville Area System of Transit  
Fayetteville, NC

North Carolina Public Transportation Association  
Greenville, NC

### **North Dakota**

Grand Forks Cities Area Transit  
Grand Forks, ND

Kenmare Transit  
Kenmare, ND

South Central Adult Services  
Valley City, ND

West River Transit  
Bismarck, ND

### **Nebraska**

Senior Services, Inc.  
Alliance, NE

Panhandle Trails Intercity Public Transit  
Alliance, NE

Saline County Area Transit  
Western, NE

Transit Authority of the City of Omaha  
Omaha, NE

### **New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Transit Association  
Lebanon, NH

Tri-County Community Action Program  
Berlin, NH

VNA @ HCS Home Healthcare Hospice &  
Community services  
Keene, NH

### **New Jersey**

Cape May County Fare Free Transportation  
Cape May Court House , NJ

Ocean County Department of Transportation  
Services (Ocean Ride)  
Toms River, NJ

### **New Mexico**

Clovis Area Transit System  
Clovis, NM

Golden Spread Rural Frontier Express Coalition  
Clayton, NM

Incorporated County of Los Alamos - Atomic City  
Transit  
Los Alamos , NM

Ohkay Owingeh Planning & Transportation  
Department  
Ohkay Owingeh, NM

Portales Area Transit  
Portales , NM

### **Nevada**

Carson City/ Jump Around Carson (JAC) Transit  
System  
Carson City, NV

LGS Group  
Incline Village, NV

Southern Nevada Transit Coalition  
Laughlin, NV

**New York**

Medical Motor Service  
Rochester, NY

**Ohio**

Akron METRO Regional Transit Authority  
Akron, OH

AMFBruns of America  
Hudson, OH

Ashland Public Transit  
Ashland, OH

Carroll County Transit  
Carrollton, OH

Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATA Bus)  
Delaware, OH

GCRTA  
Cleveland, OH

Geauga County Transit  
Chardon, OH

Greater Dayton RTA  
Dayton, OH

Greenville Transit System  
Greenville, OH

Health Transit Pool of Ohio  
Wadsworth, OH

Laketran  
Painesville, OH

Morrow County Transportation Collaborative  
Mt Gilead, OH

NEORide  
Wadsworth, OH

Ohio Public Transit Association  
Columbus, OH

Ohio Transit Risk Pool  
Wadsworth, OH

Seneca-Crawford Area Transportation  
Tiffin, OH

South East Area Transit  
Zanesville, OH

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Cincinnati, OH

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority  
Canton, OH

Tesco-Transportation Equipment Sales Corp.  
Oregon, OH

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority  
Toledo, OH

TRIPS  
Fremont, OH

Western Reserve Transit Authority  
Youngstown, OH

Wilmington Transit System  
Wilmington, OH

**Oklahoma**

Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART)  
Norman, OK

KI BOIS Area Transit System  
Stigler, OK

Oklahoma Transit Association  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Oregon**

Ride Connection, Inc.  
Portland, OR

Benton County Special and Rural Transportation  
Corvallis, OR

City of Corvallis  
Corvallis, OR

Lane Transit District  
Eugene, OR

Lincoln County Transit  
Newport, OR

Salem-Keizer Transit  
Salem, OR

Sunset Empire Transportation District  
Astoria, OR

Tillamook County Transportation District  
Tillamook, OR

## **Pennsylvania**

Center for Community Building, Inc.  
Harrisburg, PA

Altoona Metro Transit  
Altoona, PA

Area Transportation Authority of North Central  
Pennsylvania  
Johnsonburg, PA

Beaver County Transit Authority  
Rochester, PA

Butler Transit Authority  
Butler, PA

Cambria County Transit Authority  
Johnstown, PA

Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)  
State College, PA

Westmoreland County Transit Authority  
Greensburg, PA

## **Rhode Island**

RI Public Transit Authority  
Providence, RI

## **South Carolina**

Williamsburg County Transit  
Kingstree, SC

## **South Dakota**

City of Rapid City, SD  
Rapid City, SD

Community Transit, Inc.  
Sisseton, SD

Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. Transit  
Lake Andes, SD

SESDAC, Inc. dba Vermillion Public Transit  
Vermillion, SD

Watertown Area Transit, Inc.  
Watertown, SD

Brookings Area Transit Authority  
Brookings, SD

Palace Transit  
Mitchell, SD

River Cities Public Transit  
Pierre, SD

## **Tennessee**

Tennessee Regional Safety Council, Inc.  
Nashville, TN

Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation  
Authority  
Chattanooga, TN

CTS  
Clarksville, TN

Southwest Human Resource Agency  
Henderson, TN

Tennessee Public Transportation Association  
Nashville, TN

The TMA Group | Franklin Transit Authority  
Franklin, TN

## **Texas**

Brazos Transit District  
Bryan, TX

Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living  
Bryan, TX

Colorado Valley Transit District  
Columbus, TX

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County  
Houston, TX

Sun Metro  
El Paso, TX

VIA Metropolitan Transit  
San Antonio, TX

## **Utah**

Cache Valley Transit District  
Logan, UT

Park City Transit  
Park City, UT



**Virginia**

RADAR-UHSTS, Inc.  
Roanoke, VA

Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc  
Front Royal, VA

City of Charlottesville  
Charlottesville, VA

Hampton Roads Transit  
Norfolk, VA

**Vermont**

Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc.  
Randolph, VT

Addison County Transit Resources  
Middlebury, VT

Green Mountain Transit  
Burlington , VT

Rural Community Transportation  
Lyndonville , VT

Southeast Vermont Transit  
Wilmington, VT

**Washington**

A+ Transportation NW, Inc.  
Yakima, WA

Asotin County PTBA  
Clarkston, WA

ATS Trans Around the Sound  
Tacoma, WA

Ben Franklin Transit  
Richland, WA

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area  
(dba C-TRAN)  
Vancouver, WA

Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service  
Longview,, WA

Everett Transit  
Everett, WA

Grant Transit Authority  
Moses Lake, WA

Intercity Transit  
Olympia, WA

Island Transit  
Coupeville, WA

Kitsap Transit  
Bremerton, WA

Link Transit  
Wenatchee, WA

Mason Transit Authority  
Shelton, WA

Pacific Transit  
Raymond, WA

Pierce Transit  
Lakewood, WA

RiverCities Transit  
City of Longview, WA

Skagit Transit  
Burlington, WA

Snohomish County PTBA; dba Community Transit  
Everett, WA

Washington State Transit Association  
Olympia , WA

Whatcom Transportation Authority  
Bellingham, WA

**Wisconsin**

City of Altoona, WI  
Altoona, WI

Wheels of Independence, Inc./River City Cab Public  
Transit  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Bay Area Rural Transit  
Ashland, WI

Belle Urban System  
Racine, WI

City of Beloit/ Beloit Transit System  
Beloit, WI

City of Janesville Transit System  
Janesville , WI

City of Manitowoc Maritime Metro Transit  
Manitowoc, WI

City of Racine Transit and Parking Commission  
Racine, WI

City of Sheboygan  
Sheboygan, WI

City of Wausau/Metro Ride  
Wausau, WI

Eau Claire Transit  
Eau Claire, WI

Fond du Lac Area Transit  
Fond du Lac, WI

Go Transit/City of Oshkosh  
Oshkosh, WI

Green Bay Metro  
Green Bay, WI

Kenosha Area Transit  
Kenosha , WI

Merrill Transit System  
Merrill, WI

Metro Transit  
Madison, WI

Milwaukee County Transit System  
Milwaukee, WI

North Central Health Care  
Wausau, WI

Ozaukee County Transit Services  
Port Washington, WI

Stevens Point Transit  
Stevens Point, WI

Valley Transit  
Appleton, WI

WI Assn. of Mobility Managers (WAMM)  
Dodgeville, WI

Wisconsin Public Transportation Association  
Appleton , WI

YWCA Madison  
Madison, WI

### **West Virginia**

Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority  
FAIRMONT, WV

Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority  
Parkersburg, WV

Mountain Line Transit Authority  
Morgantown, WV

Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority  
Wheeling, WV

Potomac Valley Transit Authority  
Petersburg, WV

### **Wyoming**

Cheyenne Transit Program  
Cheyenne, WY

Cc: The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations