

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nuria Fernandez
Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

AC Transit's Grant Application for FTA Low-and-No Emission Vehicle Program and Bus and Bus Facilities Program

Dear Administrator Fernandez;

We write to express support for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District's (AC Transit) application for \$16.3 million to modernize their Training and Education Center and purchase new zero-emission buses from the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2022 Low or No emission Vehicle Program as well as Bus and Bus Facilities Program. We understand that the total cost of this infrastructure and bus purchase project is approximately \$32 million.

AC Transit has adopted a Zero-Emissions Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan and is committed to converting their fleet to an entirely zero-emission operation by 2040. As part of the wider transition, there is a critical need to increase training in zero-emission bus technology to be able to safely operate and maintain the zero-emission fleet. This project transforms and retrofits AC Transit's Training and Education Center to enable it to function as both a bus maintenance and a classroom/laboratory facility concurrently. The retrofit creates a zero-emission bus compliant facility to allow staff to safely work and learn ZEB technologies indoors as well as more learning space and programs to meet the increasing training and maintenance needs of their expanding ZEB fleet.

AC Transit's fleet replacement schedule also plans for nine 60-foot articulated diesel buses to be replaced in the next two years with zero-emission buses. These would be new to their ZEB fleet and represent a new type of ZEBs for AC Transit to operate. This bus purchase further underscores the urgent need to increase training in ZEB technology to be able to operate a fully zero-emission fleet efficiently and effectively in the very near future.

We fully support AC Transit in their efforts and look forward to the having more zero-emission buses in service in our community as well as a modernized training and education facility that is fully equipped to operate and maintain these new buses. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with applicable agency guidelines.

Sincerely,



Barbara Lee
Member of Congress



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