

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Tariq Bokhari
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for SORTA's Application for FY25 Low or No Emission and Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program Funding

Dear Secretary Duffy and Acting Administrator Bokhari:

I write to express my strong support for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority's (SORTA) application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Section 5339(b) Program funds for its Alternative Fueled Transition Project.

With federal funds, SORTA intends to replace ten existing diesel buses with the latest Hybrid-Electric model buses, addressing a critical need in the region and contributing to the state of good repair of SORTA's fleet, which currently averages seven years old. Through this project, SORTA seeks to lower maintenance and fuel costs, ensuring that riders continue to have affordable access to jobs, healthcare, education, shopping, and more.

SORTA estimates that replacing these aging buses will not only reduce maintenance costs but also significantly reduce tailpipe emissions such as NOx, CO2, and particulate matter. The Southwest Ohio region is designated a Marginal Non-Attainment Zone for NOx emissions, which not only contributes to poor health outcomes, but subjects the region to increased regulatory controls in order to meet the standards.

Through its Alternative Fueled Transition Project, SORTA seeks to reduce costs, lower emissions, leverage previous transportation investments, and provide more reliable service for Greater Cincinnati's residents, workers, businesses, and visitors. Federal funding for this project will be a critical investment in Southwest Ohio, and I am excited to offer my support.

Sincerely,



Congressman Greg Landsman