

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the MARTA Mobility Paratransit Fleet Modernization and Reliability Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) located at 2424 Piedmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

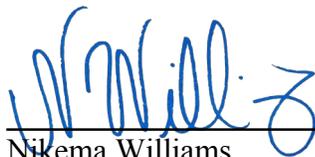
The funding would be used to support the replacement of twenty-five (25) MARTA Mobility paratransit vehicles that have exceeded their federally defined useful life. These vehicles are critical to providing federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service for individuals with disabilities, ensuring comparable access to MARTA's fixed-route bus and rail system. The project will provide a direct benefit to the public by increasing access to jobs, services and amenities, increasing cost efficiency, and promoting economic development, especially for Atlantans with disabilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing vehicles that have exceeded their useful life is a good use of taxpayer dollars as the program is aimed at reducing escalating maintenance costs and service interruptions and improving overall system efficiency. Improving fleet reliability is critical to managing public resources responsibly while maintaining federally mandated service levels.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 53 of title 49 of the United States code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress