April 26th, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (C-U MTD) Hydrogen Cell and Hybrid Bus Procurement project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the project is located at 1101 East University Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802. The funding is designated for the purchase of ten hybrid electric buses and six hydrogen fuel cell buses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. C-U MTD plays a critical role in reducing traffic congestion, improving road safety, and promoting economic development in the Champaign-Urbana metropolitan area. MTD is the main transit supplier for over 50,000 University of Illinois students. In 2019, MTD provided over 11.6 million trips for residents and visitors. Funding for MTD’s low/no emission buses will improve the system’s safety, energy efficiency, and connectivity. These investments will modernize the system by replacing inefficient and outdated buses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress