April 26th, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Connect Transit Bus and Bus Facilities Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation along with Congressman Darin LaHood (IL-18).

The project sponsor for this project is Connect Transit and the project is located at 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761. The funding is designated for the purchase of 4 battery-electric buses and associated charging infrastructure; safety and security equipment including camera systems, network infrastructure, and software; and, maintenance facility upgrades including the installation of new ground lifts and exit gates.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Public transit is key to Illinois State University student mobility and addressing air quality, safety, and economic development in Bloomington-Normal. 2.2 million riders rely on Connect Transit for connections to local businesses, employment, healthcare, and education. Funding for Connect Transit’s Buses and Bus Facilities project will go far in improving the system’s safety, efficiency, and reliability.

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

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress