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K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Williams,

I am writing in support of Intercity Transit's application to FY 2020 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities grant for the Maintenance Facility Renovation, Expansion & Modernization Project. This project is integral to the transportation and land use vision shared by communities across Thurston County, along the Interstate-5 (I-5) corridor and throughout the state of Washington.

Intercity Transit provides fixed-route, Dial-a-Lift, and vanpool services in Thurston County, connecting rural communities to jobs, services, and other opportunities in urban areas. Programs offered by Intercity Transit include providing cost-effective vanpool options to active duty service members at Joint Base Lewis-McChord which reduces highway congestion.

The current maintenance facility began service in 1985 and was designed for 80 vehicles. Today the facility supports 400 vehicles. According to Intercity Transit, the Maintenance Facility Renovation, Expansion, and Modernization Project will replace and repair the roof and exteriors and replace failing equipment and systems. The project will increase maintenance capacity needed to support current and future service while meeting state of good repair objectives. The expansion and modernization of this critical base of operations will enable Intercity Transit to meet the growing demand for transit services while maintaining its commitment to responsible asset management.

The Maintenance Facility Renovation, Expansion & Modernization Project will improve transportation choices, system safety and efficiency, and expanded economic opportunities in Thurston County. Thank you for your full and fair consideration to Intercity Transit's application.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator