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July 18, 2018

John E. Augustine  
Director, Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
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**RE: National Infrastructure Investments, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage  
Development Funding (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants**

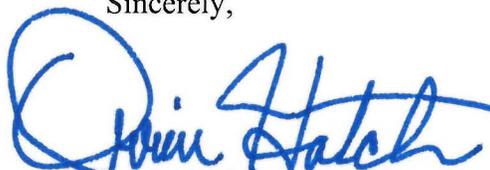
Dear Mr. Augustine:

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is proposing building the Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center where the service and maintenance of diesel, electric and natural gas buses will be centralized. This Center will greatly increase the environmental protections for Salt Lake, Weber, Davis and Utah Counties by facilitating the use of clean fuel transit vehicles.

This Tech Center will be located in Salt Lake City, Utah as part of an interconnected transportation campus that includes a planned Transit Oriented Development (TOD). When completed the campus will be a intermodal hub connect people to jobs and services via multiple modes of transportation.

As you review the applications for FY18 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants, please give UTA's project full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senator

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 11, 2018

Mr. Steve Meyer  
Executive Director, Utah Transit Authority  
3600 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Dear Mr. Meyer,

Thank you for notifying me of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) intention to apply for a Bus and Bus Facility Infrastructure grant and a Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It is my understanding that the transit district has been using a century old building to service and maintain its existing fleet of vehicles. I have been informed that the purpose of this grant project will be to update this older facility into a Clean Fuels Center which will be able to service and maintain your new fleet of buses that will benefit the entire UTA service area.

I am hopeful that these newer buses will reduce operating and maintenance costs as well as emit fewer pollutants and improve air quality for Utah residents. As Utah's population continues to grow, I commend UTA's efforts to provide Utahns with a safe, reliable, and efficient transit system in the years ahead.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve you and the people of Utah in the United States Senate. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Mike Lee  
United States Senator

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July 12, 2018

Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing today on behalf of the constituents of the First Congressional District of Utah to ask your full and fair consideration of the Utah Transit Authority's BUILD grant application.

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) currently relies on a century-old building to service its fleet of vehicles. Given recent technical innovations in the transit industry, the building is now insufficient to maintain UTA's newer diesel, electric, and natural gas buses. To address this, UTA hopes to leverage a BUILD grant to modernize the old facility so that it is better able to maintain its fleet of vehicles.

I encourage and appreciate your careful and complete consideration of this grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Johnson in my Washington office at [paul.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:paul.johnson@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Bishop".

Rob Bishop  
Member of Congress

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July 12, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Secretary Chao:

I am writing to urge your full and fair consideration of the Utah Transit Authority competitive "Build Grant" application.

This transit district has been using a century old building to service and maintain its existing fleet of vehicles. This Infrastructure Competitive Grant Project could help transform their older facility into a modern Clean Fuels Center, which will be able to service and maintain newer diesel, electric and natural gas buses. These newer buses should reduce operating and maintenance costs, and perhaps most importantly, improve air quality to this region of the country.

I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jake Bornstein at [Jake.Bornstein@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jake.Bornstein@mail.house.gov) in my Washington, D.C. Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Curtis", followed by a horizontal line.

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July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
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RE: Letter of Full and Fair Consideration for the Utah Transit Authority "Build Grant"

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of my constituents of the Fourth Congressional District of Utah and the residents of Salt Lake and Utah Counties, I am writing today regarding the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) competitive "Build Grant" application.

This transit district has been using a century old building to service and maintain its existing fleet of vehicles. The purpose of this project will be to transform this older facility into a modern Clean Fuels Center, which will be able to service and maintain our newer diesel, electric and natural gas buses which have lower emissions.

These newer buses will reduce operating and maintenance costs of buses, and most importantly, improve air quality to a region of the country that experiences some of the worse air quality in the nation.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Reber at [Scott.Reber@mail.house.gov](mailto:Scott.Reber@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Mia Love  
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Elaine Chao  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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RE: Letter of Full and Fair Consideration for the Utah Transit Authority "Build Grant"

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the constituents in my Congressional District, I am writing today in regard to the Utah Transit Authority competitive "Build Grant" application.

This transit district has been using a century old building to service and maintain its existing fleet of vehicles. The purpose of this Infrastructure Competitive Grant Project will be to transform this older facility into a modern Clean Fuels Center which will be able to service and maintain our newer diesel, electric and natural gas buses which have lower emissions.

These newer buses will reduce operating and maintenance costs of buses, and most importantly, improve air quality to a region of the country that experiences some of the worse air quality in the nation.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Coffield at [mark.coffield@mail.house.gov](mailto:mark.coffield@mail.house.gov) in my Washington, DC Office.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress



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June 13, 2018

Ms. Secretary Chao  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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*Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant*

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development (OED) is pleased to provide this letter of support for Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center and the application to fund it with the BUILD/5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant opportunity.

Governor Gary R. Herbert's Energy Action Plan recognizes infrastructure development for low or no emission fuels as a crucial strategic goal to diversify and grow Utah's options for cleaner energy. Strategic partnerships are critical to advance and strengthen the deployment of innovation that can deliver a cleaner fuel mix to the State of Utah. OED is supportive of UTA's efforts to increase electric bus routes while also constructing a Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center which will allow for the future expansion of electric and alternative energy fleets.

In anticipation of Utah's population growth, innovative solutions to reducing emissions will be essential to continue improving air quality. OED is a key player in promoting electric vehicle adoption by advancing charging infrastructure in Utah. In addition, we are supportive of UTA's plans to add solar panels to their bus canopies at this new facility to generate renewable energy alongside its zero-emitting electric buses. OED understands the important role of zero emission vehicles in a diverse energy portfolio that supports the states air quality goals.

I am confident in the ability of UTA and their partners to implement this proposal and applaud their commitment to the expansion of electric buses and renewable energy in Utah.

Sincerely

Dr. Laura Nelson





July 9, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Utah Transit Authority  
669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

On behalf of Salt Lake City, I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center.

Salt Lake City residents have expressed a desire for increased transportation choices, in part through the adoption of our first-ever Transit Master Plan in December of 2017. As the city grows, transit will become increasingly important to provide mobility to residents, employees, students and visitors. The Transit Master Plan is a blueprint for the future of transit in the city. It identifies a grid network of high-frequency transit corridors, as well as transit-supportive programs and policy recommendations.

The Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center is vital to increasing span and frequency within this network. With the existing UTA Central Garage over capacity - the primary facility serving Salt Lake City - bus service cannot be increased. The City has funded service increases on three key corridors as a first phase of Transit Master Plan implementation, and this new facility will provide for the ongoing maintenance and storage of additional vehicles. In addition, the Climate Positive SLC initiative resolves to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2040, and Salt Lake City is excited about the ability to expand the alternative fuel fleet as a strategy toward that goal. Finally, this project will support redevelopment in downtown Salt Lake City by promoting neighborhood revitalization and economic development. With the relocation of the Central Garage 7.3 acres will become available for mixed-use, transit-oriented development, and investments in this area will enhance the potential of a large adjacent parcel owned by the RDA and slated as a future TOD.

As our population and employment continues to grow, transit is going to play a key role in providing mobility options. Salt Lake City looks forward to building on our partnership with UTA as the transit master plan is implemented. The Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center is an important first step to this plan. Thank you for UTA's service to our community.

Sincerely,

*Jacqueline Biskupski*

Jaqueline Biskupski  
Salt Lake City Mayor



16 July, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
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Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Steve,

Salt Lake County values the transit in our area and understands its importance. We are fortunate to have a strong public transportation network, including three TRAX lines, a street car, five FrontRunner stations, a BRT route, and over 75 bus routes. As the Utah's most populous county and largest employment core, high quality transportation is essential. Roads alone will not be able to support the growing demand of people coming to and from the county. Transit options are key in reducing traffic and improving the region's air quality. Since UTA's current Central Garage is over capacity, Salt Lake County recognizes the need for a new facility. On behalf of the County, the cities contained in our County, and residents, I support UTA's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center.

This new facility is important to be able to increase bus service in Salt Lake City, including key areas such as the downtown and the University of Utah. The ability to add more compressed natural gas and electric power busses to the fleet is an added benefit. Air quality is an important issue to the county, and alternative fuel buses will help reduce the region's pollution. I understand that over \$500,000 is estimated to be saved annually from increased operating and maintenance efficiencies and reduced utility costs. This will benefit our tax payers, since it allows their dollars to be used to increase service. The is also County hopeful of the redevelopment that this project could induce. In addition to the construction of the facility promoting investment in the area, the relocation of UTA's current Central Garage will open prime real estate for development.

Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center offers an exciting future for transit in Salt Lake County. We look forward to the construction of this project.

Sincerely,

Ben McAdams  
Salt Lake County Mayor



## Davis County Commission

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July, 17, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Utah Transit Authority  
669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

As advocates for economic efficiency and commissioners representing Davis County, we support federal funding for the new Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center in Salt Lake City. This Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center also services the citizens of Davis County.

Utah is in a position to reduce spending by making better use of existing resources. Converting its functionally obsolete bus garage into a new sustainable designed facility will save on operational costs. The project will also better accommodate the already existing 112 maintenance and administrative jobs, as well as 300 bus operators.

The new Center would stimulate the economy by creating capacity for at least 134 more permanent full-time jobs. 800 job-years are anticipated from the design and construction of the facility. Additionally, by increasing its CNG and electric bus fleet, UTA can annually save as much as \$1.8 million in fuel costs and use those funds to invest in other important transportation projects. Increased use of alternative-fueled vehicles will also aid with the air quality issues that continue to plague Davis County and the Wasatch Front.

We believe this project is shovel-ready, having already passed environmental review. Although the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center won't be built in Davis County, it will help achieve significant progress in our County's mission towards greater efficiency.

We strongly support UTA's request for federal funding for this project. We are confident UTA will continue its long-standing record for completing projects on-time and under budget. Furthermore, as a current UTA trustee, Bret Millburn will be keeping a watchful eye on the project.

Respectfully,

Randy B. Elliott, Chair

P. Bret Millburn

James E. Smith



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Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

As the Executive Director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Salt Lake City-West Valley City and Ogden-Layton urbanized areas, I would like to offer our endorsement of the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) 2018 BUILD and 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Proposals. The funds from this award represent the critical funding necessary to complement the local, regional and state resources that have been dedicated to build the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center in downtown Salt Lake City.

The local officials and staff that make up the WFRC Committees and the Council have programed \$3.95 million through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for construction of this facility. This financial commitment represents broad local support.

As one of the fastest growing regions in the country possessing a wealth of natural treasures, we work tirelessly to balance development with a healthy environment. Air quality is central to WFRC's work and responsibilities. The level of particulate matter in our region is an area of significant concern. Fortunately, PM2.5 emissions from transportation sources are projected to decline by 52% from 2008 – 2019, due largely to improvements in technology by accommodating alternative fuel vehicles. This project will help our region in making this transition and supports efforts to mitigate air quality issues. The Depot District project would also help increase transit utilization and travel choices, as UTA will be enabled to provide additional service that would otherwise be impossible with the existing facility. 5339 funds for a new maintenance facility would provide critical support for improving the region's infrastructure and promoting economic growth.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gruber, Executive Director  
Wasatch Front Regional Council

July 6, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Utah Transit Authority  
669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**RE: Depot District Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants**

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center, and their request for BUILD and Bus and Bus Facilities federal funding.

The Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) seeks to attract and grow competitive, high-value companies and spur the development and expansion of local Utah businesses. An essential component to growing Utah's economy and creating new job opportunities for our residents is an efficient transit system. Many companies that are moving into Utah or growing from within chose to locate in areas well served by transit.

The Depot District Service Center will allow UTA to increase transit service near workplace destinations as well as nearby communities where many employees live. Additionally, the Depot District Service Center will allow UTA to transition its fleet of diesel fuel buses to new cleaner and more efficient compressed natural gas and electric buses.

Sincerely,



Theresa A. Foxley,  
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July 16, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

**SUBJECT:** Letter of support for Utah Transit Authority's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant Applications

I am writing in support of the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) BUILD and 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities funding requests for the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center.

The request for just over \$12 million represents 18 percent of the total cost of the project. The funds from this award represent the critical last dollar necessary to complement the local, regional and state resources that have been dedicated to build the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center in downtown Salt Lake City. This project is an important component of our regional transportation system.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) recognizes the importance of providing integrated transportation options. This includes maintaining high quality roads, but it also includes providing facilities for walking, biking and riding transit. The construction of the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center supports this effort.

The new facility will be equipped with state-of-the-art alternative fueling and maintenance infrastructure, which is a crucial part of UTA's effort to replace their diesel-powered fleet with alternative fuel buses. Not only will this transition improve air quality (and thus quality of life in our region), it will enable us to capitalize on the abundant CNG resources in our region and diversify our fuel sources, becoming less susceptible to volatile markets.

Progress has been made toward the region's ongoing strategy of offering more and better transportation choices for our communities. UDOT and UTA are strong partners in leading the charge to implement and realize this vision, and the Depot District

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary  
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Clean Fuels Tech Center project represents an important next step in this crucial process of improving the nation's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

  
Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.  
Executive Director

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July 11, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Utah Transit Authority  
669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

At Envision Utah, we strive to engage residents to create and sustain beautiful, prosperous, healthy, and neighborly communities. The "Your Utah, Your Future" statewide visioning effort studied what Utahns value most about where they live, and how to address the issues the state faces as it continues to rapidly grow. This survey focused on eleven topics including agriculture; air quality; disaster resilience; education; energy; housing and cost of living; jobs and economy; public lands; recreation; transportation and communities; and water. All of these elements are important in supporting future generations in our beautiful state. Utah Transit Authority is and will continue to be an important aspect of the region's transportation network. Utahns want convenient, affordable mobility options and cleaner air, and Utah Transit Authority plays a key role in providing those outcomes.

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center. Although Utahns want to expand transit service, this will not be possible in the Salt Lake City area because UTA's current Central Garage is over capacity. Moreover, Utahns rate air quality as the most negative aspect of their quality of life. Reducing automobile trips and using alternative fuel sources are both critical to improving pollution levels. To this end, the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center will support more compressed natural gas and electric buses. This facility will help implement Utahns' vision for the future.

How we grow will affect the quality of life we and our children will enjoy. At Envision Utah, we don't believe in sitting back and seeing where growth will take us. We seek to be visionary and actively secure our future. There are many elements that we must consider as we grow, including transportation. Roads alone cannot support the growing demand, nor do they alone meet Utahns' vision. Transit will be essential, and the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center is one of many steps towards the future Utahns want.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Grow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert Grow  
Envision Utah  
Chief Executive Officer



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July 9, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
Interim Executive Director  
Utah Transit Authority  
669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants for the Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

Dear Mr. Meyer,

The Utah Clean Air Partnership, also known as UCAIR, works hard to ensure that each Utahn knows that they have a role to play in cleaning our air. We have a unique air quality situation here in our beautiful state, and while things are getting better, we are constantly looking to identify those in our community who go above and beyond in assisting us achieve our goals of cleaner air. We promote transportation options such as carpooling, walking/biking, e-commuting, or using transit. Public transportation is one of the best ways to address air quality; making transit buses cleaner through alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas (CNG) and battery electric power is key to the overall effectiveness for mass transit to help improve air quality.

The Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center not only allows the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) to grow its compressed natural gas and electric propulsion bus fleet, but also creates partnerships between many diverse groups including local governments, our redevelopment agency and metropolitan planning organization, energy companies, and businesses among others to promote better air quality. UCAIR encourages innovative partnerships such as this to move our community towards a healthy and prosperous future.

Because the Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center's overarching goal is to help improve our air quality through transit bus efficiencies and partnerships, it is with immense pleasure that UCAIR offer its support for these grant applications.

Sincerely,

Thom Carter  
Executive Director  
Utah Clean Air Partnership



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July 10, 2018

W. Steve Meyer  
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**RE: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) BUILD & Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant**

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center as a part of your application for federal funds through FTA's BUILD and Bus and Bus Facilities Program grants.

Along the Wasatch Front, in UTA's service area, air quality can rapidly deteriorate under winter and summer weather patterns. Transit provides an important alternative to auto traffic, a major contributor to the pollution. Furthermore, as our population and economy continue to rapidly expand, assertive transit investment allows our transportation system to shift its balance from car-dominated patterns. Many state and local leaders now understand that UTA's services are crucial for managing Utah's air pollution.

The Depot District's incorporation of 1) advanced fuels, 2) energy efficiency measures, and 3) renewable power sources, will not only create operating and maintenance efficiencies and reduced utility costs which can go towards service, but also directly help air quality. Furthermore, the Depot District's leadership in incorporating these features will further our goals of making such features the standard for major projects in our area.

We agree that UTA's current Central Garage is aging and over capacity. The Depot District project will relocate and update the facility, creating a robust interconnected campus. This project will support an expanded fleet, which will allow for more service in Salt Lake City and southern Davis County. The Depot District facility will enable UTA to purchase and operate more alternative fuel buses such as compressed natural gas (CNG) and clean electric power. This capacity to expand transit and to service alternative fuel vehicles goes a long way in helping to improve regional air quality.

Moreover, this project supports redevelopment by promoting neighborhood revitalization and economic development. With the relocation of the Central Garage, over seven acres will be made available for mixed-use, transit-oriented development. It is a fulfillment of our hope that UTA is working with Salt Lake City to incorporate affordable housing in the area. Such integration of transit and transit-supportive land uses would be a model for how our community can improve air quality.

Good luck with your application and thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

We are eagerly awaiting the movement on the planned Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center. We are absolutely supportive for the innovative development of the new service center to support more alternative fuel vehicles. I understand you are applying for FTA's BUILD and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant, and would like to extend my support. This proactive infrastructure shows insightful leadership on behalf of Utah Transit Authority and leads the region with Green Fleet governance.

The creation of UTA's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center will measurably address Utah's air quality concerns. The ability to expand and convert more of the bus fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG), as well as facilitating exploration into electric buses and other alternative fuel uses, will help reduce pollution in our state. Additionally, cost savings on new fuels such as CNG will allow UTA to expand services and routes. Improved service will help reduce congestion by encouraging more Utahans to use transit. Improving air quality is an extremely high priority, and a major goal, for government leaders, communities and families here in Utah.

Utah Clean Cities Coalition (UCCC) is a long term member of U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Clean Cities Program and is currently celebrating our 25 Year Anniversary. Today, UCCC is one of nearly 100 coalitions across the country that is part of the U.S. DOE's Vehicle Technologies Program—a program designed to reduce U.S. imports and overall consumption of petroleum and to promote the use domestic fuels. UTA's Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center is essential in promoting advanced fuels to Salt Lake City region. Using domestic fuels such as CNG and electric, the work of UTA is a winning proposition for Utah and right in line with UCC's goals to promote clean fuels, clean strategies and clean air.

I look forward to the advancement of this project and offer the technical support and collective resources to ensure success.

Sincerely,



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Re: Letter of Support for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants

Dear Mr. Meyer,

Utah Transit Authority provides a great benefit to the University of Utah. With just over a third of students, faculty, and staff using transit to reach the campus, UTA helps reduce congestion and parking demand at the university. This helps improve access to our campus, levy land from parking for additional buildings, and increase our student population. We are conscious of the need to reduce vehicle emissions in our region. The University of Utah is committed to creating a sustainable campus.

I believe the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center is essential to continue investments in transit at our university. I know the existing central garage is over capacity, and the new garage is needed to be able to expand transit service in Salt Lake City. As such, I would like to give my support of the Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center and your application to FTA's BUILD and Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grants. I am also excited to see the ability to expand alternative fuel fleet. It is always a pleasure working with UTA and I look forward to future transit investments at the University of Utah.

Sincerely,



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Vice President for Administrative Services  
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