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Mark Bathrick
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Dear Mr. Bathrick,

I write in support of the City of Nashua's application for Capital Funds through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program to update the Transit Center, bus platform, and surrounding pavement. The City of Nashua is the second largest city in New Hampshire and operates the Nashua Transit System, which provides just around 500,000 rides annually.

The City of Nashua Transit Center is located between City Hall and a large scale parking garage in downtown Nashua. The Transit Center building serves as the hub for all transit routes, as well as the ticketing office. The current design and layout of the facility and the bus platform and surrounding pavement poses significant safety concerns that need to be addressed to improve overall efficiency and safety. This is a major construction project and key to the continued success of Nashua Transit System. The local economy depends on services like this to keep things moving.

If I can do anything more to help with the City of Nashua's grant application process, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Graham in my office at (603) 595-2006. Please keep my staff updated as you proceed with this process. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress