

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 10, 2022

Administrator Fernandez
Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez,

We write to express our support for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) application for the Low or No Emission Vehicle and Bus and Bus Facilities Programs. These programs provide funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction and leasing of required supporting facilities.

The MBTA is seeking \$217 million (85% of the project cost) for the purchase of 155 new battery-electric buses (BEB) to support their transformation to a zero-emission fleet. These buses will fill the garages in Quincy and North Cambridge as another significant step toward replacing the MBTA's aging diesel fleet with an all-electric fleet.

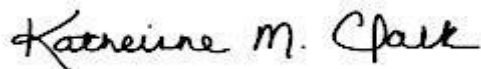
The MBTA has one of the most aggressive fleet transition timelines in the nation, with the goal to transition to entirely zero-emission buses by 2040. The move to zero-emission vehicles will allow MBTA to dramatically reduce pollution in communities across Boston, including disadvantaged communities that suffer from high asthma rates and disproportionate environmental impacts. This project will allow these communities in Boston to breathe cleaner air while laying the groundwork for the full transition to battery-electric buses by 2040.

Benefits of this project include:

- Enabling the transition from diesel buses to battery electric buses which will reduce emissions for both riders of the routes and the neighboring communities of the routes, as well as environmental justice and historically disadvantaged communities currently served by high-emitting diesel buses;
- Advancement of de-carbonization efforts; and
- Improving the state of good repair of MBTA assets by replacing aging diesel buses.

Thank you for your fair and full consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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