

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Administrator Nuria Fernandez
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

We write to express our support for the application submitted by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) for \$6.6 million from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year 2022 Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

The MBTA is seeking funding for the Hingham Ferry Dock Modification Project, as part of an effort to provide reliable ferry service between Boston, Logan International Airport, and the towns of Hingham and Hull on the southern edge of Boston Harbor. The project will rehabilitate the existing structure in Hingham by replacing the dock, gangway, and canopy, and undertake channel dredging and shore reconstruction and stabilization to ensure the continued viability and resiliency of the dock. A new generator will also be installed to further improve resiliency by providing full backup power to the Hingham Intermodal Center and ferry dock during power outages. Additionally, the existing structures are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. The new dock will include an accessibility-compliant aluminum gangway and a walkway covered by an aluminum canopy structure to ensure full, safe access.

It is the MBTA's belief that improving the reliability and accessibility of the dock will help make ferry service a more desirable mode of transportation that could provide connections to key transit hubs along Boston Harbor, including Logan Airport, the Blue Line at Aquarium Station, the Silver Bus Line in East Boston, and the 220 bus route in Hingham that connects to rapid transit service in Quincy. These hubs, together serviced by the ferry, might otherwise be inaccessible to riders who rely on the MBTA to reach their jobs and other destinations.

Federal funding for this rehabilitation will make ferry service in Greater Boston more reliable, accessible, and resilient. We urge you to give the MBTA's application your fair and full consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator



Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress