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May 20, 2019

The Honorable K. Jane Williams
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

I am proud to support the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District's (MTD) grant application for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Bus & Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program for a joint development expansion to the Illinois Terminal in Champaign.

With this expansion, MTD will update its bus and rail passenger facilities at Illinois Terminal to meet current and future demand, increase safety, and prevent overcrowding by adding additional bays for both local and intercity buses as well as rural transportation services. A 5,000-spectator arena, a hotel and convention center, and commercial space are included in the plans for this area, which will drive more traffic to this local and regional transportation hub.

Champaign is the fastest-growing city in Illinois, and this project will be the largest single development in the city's history. Expansion of Illinois Terminal, a revenue neutral multimodal facility built by MTD in 1999 that immediately preceded massive redevelopment and reinvestment in the adjacent City's center, will allow it to grow to meet the needs of a burgeoning populace and attract new residents and visitors to the region.

For these reasons, I am proud to support this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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