




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March 2, 2023

Nuria Fernandez,
Administrator
Office of the Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Skagit Transit’s Maintenance Operations and Administration Facility Project

Nuria Fernandez,

We are writing in support of Skagit Transit’s request for \$5 million in Federal Transit Administration’s Bus and Bus Facilities, and Low or No Emission grant programs to complete their Maintenance Operations and Administration Facility Project.

Skagit Transit’s Maintenance Operations and Administration Facility is a regionally significant project that is shovel ready, Phase one of the three phase construction effort is currently underway. This project will replace the current facility which serves as Skagit County’s only public transportation base of operations. This vital facility is needed to maintain current levels of transit service, prepare the agency for Skagit County’s public transportation needs of the future and transition the agency to lower emissions operations.

Skagit Transit’s local network of transit routes serve Skagit County’s four major population centers, Mount Vernon, Sedro Woolley, Burlington, and Anacortes.

Skagit Transit also offers direct, expedient commuter transit services. Commuter bus operations are coordinated with neighboring transits and intercity bus and rail services providing public transportation connections within the northwestern region of Washington State. These services assist in the statewide effort to reduce congestion on the Interstate 5 corridor and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

The project addresses barriers the current facility presents; constraints in space for staff and equipment, remove the fleet and other publicly funded assets from the flood plain and assist in maintaining a state of good repair of the transit system.


Skagit County is in full support of Skagit Transit services and recognizes the need for this vital facility which will enable the transit system to keep pace with current and future public transportation needs of Skagit County and neighboring communities and counties in Northwest Washington.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


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