

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Mark Bathrick  
Public Transportation Administrator  
Office of Program Management  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Bathrick,

I write in support of the application from the City of Nashua's for funds from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low or No Emissions Grant Program. Support from the program would permit the City to replace two 2010 diesel trolleys with two new hybrid electric diesel buses. This change would significantly reduce emissions from the City's fixed route fleet while also increasing efficiency.

The City of Nashua is the second largest city in New Hampshire and operates Nashua Transit System, which provides just under 500,000 rides annually that travel over 600,000 road miles. It is currently in the process of replacing most of the vehicles in its aging bus fleet. This is necessary to meet the state of good repair standards that are now required by the FTA's Transit Asset Management guidelines and comply with the City's goals to greatly reduce overall emissions and energy consumption from its municipal fleet.

With support from the Low or No Emissions Grant Program, the City of Nashua will replace two trolleys that have greatly exceeded their useful life. These vehicles will continue to have rising energy consumption and maintenance costs. Two new vehicles with hybrid electric technology would be purchased to take their place, which would reduce overall emissions and energy consumption from the municipal fleet.

I support the application from the City of Nashua and urge your consideration of this worthy proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Jarvis on my staff at 603-647-7500.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator