

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

July 9, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am pleased to write in support of the grant application submitted by the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) to the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission and Bus Facilities Grant Programs for its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project in Syracuse, New York.

CENTRO remains committed to implementing strategic transportation plans and systems that connect communities, support regional economic vitality, and build a more equitable and sustainable future for the Central New York region. Federal support of these plans is critical to implementing clean transportation technology, enhanced transit access, and regional livability.

With funding, the Bus Rapid Transit Project will create two high-frequency, high-capacity transit corridors linking major employment centers, universities, healthcare facilities, neighborhoods, and downtown Syracuse. The project will establish dedicated low-emissions buses and high-quality boarding stations at optimized locations to ensure the reliability and efficiency of the public transportation system for current and future riders. This will expand access to jobs, education, and essential services, support regional economic development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create a safer, more connected public realm for all users throughout the Syracuse region.

I applaud the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority for its foresight in submitting this grant application and sincerely hope it met with your approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my grants coordinator in our Washington, DC office at (b)(6)
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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