August 18, 2014

Ms. Therese McMillan
Acting Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
East Building, 4th Floor
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. McMillan:

I am writing to express my strong support for Gold Coast Transit District’s (GCTD) 2014 Ladders of Opportunity Initiative grant applications for a new Administration and Operations Facility and expansion buses.

Currently, GCTD’s existing facility is obsolete and is preventing them from expanding transit service due to the lack of space for bus maintenance, operations, and storage. The new facility and expansion buses would allow GCTD service to expand to meet the growing demand for public bus transit within the region and to areas not adequately being served. This project is also needed to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an effort to meet regional emissions reduction targets.

I urge the Department of Transportation to give Gold Coast Transit District’s requests for the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative grants your full and fair consideration, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress