



## 131<sup>st</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE

April 25, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the funding requests submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program and Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

MaineDOT, in collaboration with Maine transit agencies, is seeking \$10.9 million to procure low and no emissions vehicles for transit services statewide. This funding will cover associated infrastructure and equipment costs. Additionally, MaineDOT is requesting \$3.4 million to replace outdated vehicles in the bus fleet and renovate facilities in need of repair.

The allocation of these funds would facilitate the acquisition of hybrid and electric vehicles, replacing conventional diesel and gasoline-powered ones. This transition will significantly enhance access to eco-friendly transportation options for numerous transit users across Maine. The proposed infrastructure enhancements include the installation of charging stations essential for the operation of these vehicles.

I wholeheartedly endorse MaineDOT's grant applications for these transformative initiatives. I trust you will give careful consideration to their proposals and I hope you will approve their requests for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lydia Crafts".

Lydia Crafts  
Maine State Representative

House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation