

MaineDOT Low-No Grant Application

Attachment F

Local Match Commitment Letters



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Bruce A. Van Note
COMMISSIONER

April 12, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program application "Bus Electrification: Connecting Maine to a Cleaner Future" submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$18,055,613 million in FY 2023 Grant funding, matched by \$3,197,943 from MaineDOT and the transit providers. This project will be included in MaineDOT's *Work Plan* and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is consistent with MaineDOT's long-range plan. MaineDOT is committed to providing these matching funds to the Federal funds requested.

Sincerely,

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Bruce A. Van Note
Commissioner



CITY OF BANGOR

April 4, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the City of Bangor, Community Connector that matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Grant application submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

The City of Bangor Community Connector will be providing \$102,248 in local match funds from the Agency capital reserve account. The matching funds will remain available in subsequent fiscal years if needed, depending on grant award and vehicle delivery schedules.

We are excited to join this very important effort to diversity our fleet with hybrid and electric vehicle.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

David Little
Finance Director



March 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Grant application “Bus Electrification: Connecting Maine to a Cleaner Future” submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit will plan to contribute \$396,785 in matching funds towards the local match requirement. This project will be included in MaineDOT’s *Work Plan* and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is consistent with MaineDOT’s long-range plan. MaineDOT is committed to providing these matching funds to the Federal funds requested.

Sincerely,

Chad Heid
Executive Director
Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit



Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Agency Local Match Commitment Letter

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

During the March 9, 2023 meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee, approval was granted for participation in this Discretionary Low-No Grant request and authorization was given for the use of up to \$200,000 Two Hundred Thousand dollars out of it's Capital Improvement Funds Reserve to support and satisfy a portion of the Local Match requirement contained within this Low-No Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Proposal.

This amount, combined with the equal matching contribution from MaineDOT will satisfy the "Non-Federal Funds" match requirement to make this grant budget whole and eligible for consideration.

Respectfully,

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Phillip J. Crowell

Chairman – Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee

March 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter, along with attachments, serves as evidence of assurance by the Greater Portland Transit District (GP Metro) that local matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program “application name” submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) are committed and will be provided.

GP Metro is seeking \$3,359,709 in FY 2023 grant funding, matched by \$288,900 in state funding and \$288,900 from GP Metro. This project is included in GP Metro’s 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as approved by the agency’s Board of Directors on March 23, 2023. Documentation of this approval is provided as an attachment to this letter.

Further, GP Metro understands and appreciates that the project will be included in MDOT’s *Work Plan* and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and that it is consistent with MDOT’s long-range plan.

This project represents phase 2 of GP Metro’s long-range plan to operate a zero-emission transit bus fleet by 2040. We appreciate the Federal Transit Administration’s consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Greg Jordan

Greg Jordan
Executive Director

Enclosure:

- GP Metro Board Meeting Documents: March 23, 2023





March 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter provides assurance that Regional Transportation Program has committed a local share amount of \$65,729 required for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Grant application submitted by MaineDOT on behalf of our agency. These committed funds are currently part of our Capital Reserve Account designated to provide local matches for Federal grants. This reserve is funded from unrestricted sources and will remain a permanent asset on our balance sheet.

Sincerely,

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Jack De Beradinis
Executive Director



CITY OF
**SOUTH
PORTLAND**
Bus Service

April 7, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the City of South Portland Bus Service (SPBS) that matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Grant application submitted by MaineDOT will be provided by the city based on award amounts and purchase schedule.

Over the coming years, SPBS will be providing \$335,000 in local match funds from our capital improvement program (CIP) budget, which will be approved as part of the local budget process. SPBS requests funds each fiscal year to build-up a CIP reserve fund to pay the required local match based on our bus replacement schedule. Our next replacement bus purchase is scheduled for 2026, but matching funds will be available for infrastructure work prior to 2026. The matching funds will remain available in subsequent fiscal years if needed, depending on grant award and vehicle delivery schedules.

The City of South Portland has a demonstrated commitment to addressing climate change. Transitioning to zero emission buses, cars and trucks is a big part of the city's plans and programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Donna Tippet

Donna Tippet

Director, City of South Portland Bus Service

March 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) that matching funds for the FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Grant application submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

YCCAC will be providing \$76,120 in local match funds from Agency/unrestricted funding in our next annual budget, which begins in November of 2023. The matching funds will remain available in subsequent fiscal years if needed, depending on grant award and vehicle delivery schedules.

We are excited to join this very important effort to diversify our fleet with hybrid and electric vehicle.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



Tom Reinauer
Transportation Program Director