

4/13/2023

Mr. Bruce Van Note
Maine Department of Transportation
24 Child St
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Mr. Van Note:

Subject: Statewide Bus Electrification Letter of Support

Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc. (Hatch) is pleased to join Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) in responding to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2023 Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program. Having assisted in developing Maine DOT's plans to electrify transit fleets throughout the state, Hatch is in full support of the pursuit of Low-No funding for 2023.

Hatch pledges its commitment to support Maine DOT and the 7 transit agencies within the state participating in this grant request by offering our project management, design and technical support. Hatch is an industry leader in deploying sustainable transportation initiatives, having worked with over 30 transit agencies and government entities with zero-emissions implementation. Hatch will leverage this experience to provide expert support to Maine DOT and the participating transit agencies.

As Maine DOT's technical consultant, Hatch will oversee the procurement of charging systems, vehicles, and related infrastructure. We will review proposals from suppliers, and assist Maine DOT and the participating transit agencies in selecting the most qualified candidates. Hatch will also assist in the development of infrastructure designs for each charging location. Furthermore, Hatch will provide oversight of infrastructure installations. Finally, we will validate the performance of delivered vehicles and charging infrastructure against modeling and specification values.

Hatch is excited to continue our support of Maine DOT's bus electrification initiatives as part of this transformative project.

Sincerely,



Daniel Lang
Director, Bus and Sustainable Transportation

Letter of Support