



*Office of the City Manager*

July 1, 2025

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

RE: Support Letter for Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) Application to the  
Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The City of Waterville is pleased to support MaineDOT's request for funding through the Federal  
Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program.

MaineDOT is seeking funding to replace Americans with Disabilities Act accessible vans that have  
reached the end of their service life for four transit agencies and to refurbish one agency's transit  
facility. This funding will allow MaineDOT to improve the condition of public transportation  
infrastructure to maintain critical services and ensure that users have access to safe and  
reliable transportation.

This investment by the federal government is critical for Maine, a large, rural state where lack of  
transportation can be a major obstacle for people to connect jobs that support them and their  
families. Public transportation is a lifeline to upward mobility for many Mainers and their families.  
Continuing to provide workers and potential workers with access to jobs is a keystone to growing  
the state's economy.

Thank you,

Cornell Knight  
Acting City Manager  
City of Waterville