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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, 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 Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Hahnel Bros Co is pleased to support MaineDOT's request for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

MaineDOT, in partnership with Maine transit agencies, is seeking funding to refurbish the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) facilities that are in need of upgrades. As part of the application, MaineDOT and the LATC are proposing necessary workforce development.

The Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program's goals are to improve the condition of public transportation infrastructure in order to maintain critical services and assure that users have access to safe and reliable transportation. This grant opportunity will provide urgently needed funds to bring the LATC's infrastructure to a state of good repair by upgrading the bus stations. It will maximize operational reliability and ensure the safety of agency personnel and transit riders. Additionally, the infrastructure improvements will put the LATC in a good position for future fleet transition into low-or-no emission vehicles.

If funded, LATC will be able to reconstruct and expand its facility which will meet all compliance standards, enhance amenities for current and future agency employees, and improve the reliability of the agency's service in the Lewiston/Auburn area.

Hahnel Bros Co strongly supports MaineDOT's grant application for this pivotal project. We are hopeful that you will give the project your full consideration and award the requested funding.

Sincerely,

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