

July 10, 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 Kennebec Valley Council of Governments 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. In the Economic Development Agency (EDA) funded 2022-2027 Kennebec Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, infrastructure and more specifically rural transportation that provides access to healthcare, workforce opportunities and education facilities was an identified priority for our rural region. Continuing to provide workers and potential workers with access to jobs is a keystone to growing the state's economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie L. Cyr".

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