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Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation write in support of the grant application submitted by the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) for their Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program application as funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This grant, FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS, will renovate the Jim West Regional Transit Center in Española, New Mexico.

With routes in Taos, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, San Juan, and Santa Fe Counties, NCRTD is the public transit provider responsible for operating in northern New Mexico. Covering approximately 10,000 square miles and serving a regional population of 280,000 people, NCRTD ensures services are provided to the communities and Pueblos in the region.¹ This includes free service rides across all routes for veterans, on-demand mobility service, bicycle racks, and Americans with Disabilities Act paratransit and providing access for tourists who visit the area's many cultural and historical attractions.

NCRTD is housed at the Jim West Regional Transit Center in the City of Española. Over the past decade, the administrative and operations teams have grown and the building is now beyond capacity. If awarded, NCRTD will renovate and expand the transit center, which is NCRTD's

¹ <https://www.ncrtd.org/about-ncrtd/jim-west-regional-transit-center/>

primary administrative and operations facility. Renovation and expansion of the transit center and reconfiguration of the existing offices will better suit the needs of staff, services provided, the effectiveness of administrative operations, and provide the necessary space for continued growth.

Members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation proudly support the application submitted by NCRTD regarding their Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program application as funded by DOT and we request that you give their application thorough consideration within your agency's guidelines.

Sincerely,

/s/ Martin Heinrich
United States Senator

/s/ Teresa Leger Fernández
United States Representative

/s/ Ben Ray Luján
United States Senator