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April 4, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

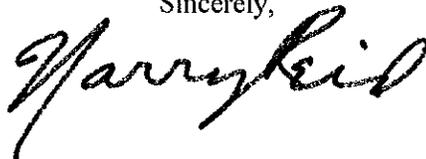
I am writing today in support of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and its 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) application for the RTC Transit Green Fleet Replacement project. This funding will be used to replace 28 outdated diesel transit buses and purchase new clean-running natural gas vehicles.

Natural gas can help diversify our nation's fuel choices—especially for large vehicles such as buses—and increase our energy security. The RTC Transit Green Fleet Replacement project seeks to replace 28 diesel transit buses to purchase vehicles that run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). This is critical in order to continue to carry more than 62 million riders annually because the older diesel vehicles have higher fuel costs, increased maintenance costs, are prone to in-service break-downs, and emit harmful vehicle emissions that negatively impact air quality. The clean running CNG vehicles that will be purchased will have much lower natural gas fuel costs, have been proven highly reliable, and will greatly reduce unsafe air pollutants.

I have always supported using alternative fuels, including CNG, to reduce our nation's dependence on oil. As you know, compared with gasoline, natural gas is becoming a more popular transportation fuel because it provides similar fuel economy, performance, and drivability. The relative cost can be less expensive than gasoline, and it is primarily a domestically produced energy source. RTC's plan to replace its outdated diesel transit buses with natural gas vehicles is a forward-thinking plan that will reduce emissions and improve air quality.

I support RTC in this application and hope that you will keep my recommendation in mind when making your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator



DINA TITUS
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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March 31, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and its 2016 TIGER Application for green fleet procurement. The project will enable the RTC to immediately replace 28 outdated diesel transit buses and purchase new clean-running natural gas vehicles.

Southern Nevada is home to more than two million people, and it welcomes more than 42 million visitors annually. The tourism industry supports approximately 382,800 jobs in Southern Nevada, which represents 48 percent of the total regional workforce. The RTC transit system plays a vital role in providing mobility options for residents and visitors alike, moving more than 62 million riders last year. It is critical for Nevada's economic future for the RTC to transport people in the most efficient, effective, and sustainable manner. This project is an integral part of achieving this goal.

The RTC's project offers significant environmental and economic benefits. The RTC is seeking to replace diesel buses which are beyond their useful service life. These older diesel vehicles have higher fuel and increased maintenance costs. They are also prone to in-service breakdowns and emit harmful emissions that negatively impact air quality. In the American Lung Association Report Card for 2015, Clark County ranked a "D" in 24-hour particle pollution, which is a major contributor to respiratory illness and premature deaths. Replacement of old outdated buses with cleaner vehicles will help to reduce harmful air pollution. In addition, these vehicles will result in cost savings related to fuel purchases, will support manufacturing jobs for American-made buses, and will provide more reliable service for local residents and visitors who depend on transit services.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my support of this project and respectfully ask for your consideration of the RTC's application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress

JOSEPH J. HECK
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March 30, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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RE: 2016 TIGER APPLICATION—RTC TRANSIT GREEN FLEET PROCUREMENT

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide my support of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and its 2016 TIGER Application for Green Fleet Procurement. The project will enable the RTC to immediately replace 28 outdated diesel transit buses and purchase new, clean-running natural gas vehicles.

Southern Nevada is home to more than two million people, and it welcomed 42 million visitors in 2015. The tourism industry supports approximately 382,800 jobs in Southern Nevada, which represents 48 percent of the total regional workforce. The RTC transit system has and continues to play a vital role in providing mobility options for residents and visitors alike. The system moved more than 62 million riders last year. It is critical for Nevada's economic future for the RTC to transport people in the most efficient, effective, and sustainable manner. This project is an integral part of achieving this aim.

The RTC's project offers significant environmental and economic benefits. The RTC is seeking to replace diesel buses which are beyond their useful service life. These older diesel vehicles have higher fuel costs and increased maintenance costs. They are also prone to in-service breakdowns and emit harmful emissions that negatively impact air quality. The Compressed Natural Gas vehicles that would be purchased with a grant award would result in the reduction of air pollutants, cost savings related to fuel purchases, support of manufacturing jobs for American-made buses, and provision of more reliable service.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to express my support of this project and respectfully ask for your consideration of the RTC's application. If ever I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



DR. JOE HECK
Member of Congress

CRESENT HARDY
4TH DISTRICT, NEVADA

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March 30, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to offer this letter of introduction for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) in regard to their application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

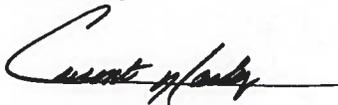
With 24-hour service along the strip, and with routes to the Las Vegas Convention Center and McCarran International Airport, the RTC helps transport Las Vegas's 42 million annual visitors. This tourism industry is vital to the local economy—supporting approximately 382,800 jobs in Southern Nevada, which represents 48 percent of the total regional workforce.

According to the RTC, this \$15 million grant would allow them to replace 28 outdated diesel transit buses with compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. The American-made CNG buses are better for the environment and will reduce the maintenance and fuel costs associated with the diesel buses. This investment in surface transportation will enhance the future economic competitiveness of Southern Nevada by providing more reliable, clean and comfortable transit service for tourists and locals alike.

As the Vice-Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and on behalf of my constituents in the 4th Congressional District of Nevada, I encourage you to give the RTC every consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Sonia Joya, my District Director, at (702) 912-1634.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



CRESENT HARDY
Member of Congress



04/21/2016

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Secretary of Transportation
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RE: 2016 TIGER APPLICATION – RTC TRANSIT GREEN FLEET PROCUREMENT

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As a 2011 Regional Planning grantee under HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative; Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) fully supports the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and its 2016 TIGER Application for the RTC Transit Green Fleet Procurement project. The project will enable the RTC to immediately replace 28 outdated diesel transit buses and purchase new clean-running natural gas vehicles.

SNS recently completed a multi-year Regional Planning effort that prioritized the region's top 7 action items for implementation (<http://www.southernnevadastrong.org/>). Included among these is a need to improve transit options in low and moderate income areas. This action item falls under the purview and responsibility of the RTC – this project seeks to further help implement this identified need.

Sixty-five percent of RTC's almost 61 million transit riders are composed of persons with total household incomes below \$40,000 – and 74 percent of transit users have jobs. Southern Nevada's transit rider demographic urgently needs investments in the transit system that increase reliability and facilitate advancements in the workplace. This project will provide much needed ladders of opportunity for thousands of residents who are dependent on a clean, comfortable, efficient, and reliable public transportation system to get them to and from work on time.

I respectfully ask for your support of this application. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact me at (702) 676-1729.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond Hess".

Raymond Hess
Manager of Planning