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February 28, 2008

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Lugar:

I'm writing to seek your support for important public transportation projects in the Bloomington community. I respectfully submit two projects described below for your consideration for the FY 2009 Transportation-HUD appropriations process.

Bloomington Transit has developed a five-year capital plan that identifies needed transportation infrastructure improvements. As part of that plan, Bloomington Transit desires to construct a new downtown passenger transit facility and also replace a number of older transit buses. These improvements will benefit the greater Bloomington community by encouraging the use of public transportation and providing important economic stimulus. Public transportation plays a vital role in reducing traffic congestion, improving air and noise quality in the community, and reducing parking demand.

With your assistance in the approval of SAFETEA-LU, about \$4 million in Federal funding was provided for a new downtown passenger transit facility through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facility Allocations program. Bloomington Transit is seeking your continued support for an additional \$1.2 million for the development of this same downtown transit facility. Bloomington Transit has identified a location in the downtown area and anticipates completing the purchase of this site and entering the design/engineering phase within the next 180 days. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2009.

In addition, Bloomington Transit is constantly modernizing its bus fleet by replacing older transit buses with newer ones. A total of five (5) older 1997 buses are in need of replacement in 2009. As such we seek your support for \$1,376,000 in Federal funding to replace five (5) older 1997 buses.

Your continued interest in and support for public transportation, including Bloomington Transit, is very much appreciated. If you need any further information about these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



Mark Krizan, Mayor
City of Bloomington





THE CHAMBER

THE GREATER BLOOMINGTON
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Dear Senator Lugar:

I'm writing to seek your support for important public transportation projects in the Bloomington community. The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support two important projects described below for your consideration for the FY 2009 Transportation-HUD appropriations process.

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The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support these requests from Bloomington Transit and we urge your help in winning approval of Federal funding for them. Thank for your continued interest in and support for public transportation and specifically for Bloomington Transit. If you need any further information about these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christy Gillenwater
President & C.E.O.

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February 28, 2008

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Dear Senator Lugar:

I'm writing to seek your support for important public transportation projects in the Bloomington community. Downtown Bloomington Inc. is pleased to support two important projects described below for your consideration for the FY 2009 Transportation-HUD appropriations process.

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Downtown Bloomington Inc. is pleased to support these requests from Bloomington Transit and we urge your help in winning approval of Federal funding for them. Thank for your continued interest in and support for public transportation and specifically for Bloomington Transit. If you need any further information about these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Talisha Coppock
Executive Director



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I'm writing to seek your support for important public transportation projects in the Bloomington community. The Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to support two important projects described below for your consideration for the FY 2009 Transportation-HUD appropriations process.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joshua Desmond", is written over a printed name and title.

Joshua Desmond, AICP
Director, Bloomington/Monroe County MPO