



February 23, 2009

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar,

On behalf of the Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation ("CityBus") I am writing to respectfully request your support for transit-oriented development efforts in downtown Lafayette.

CityBus, in full cooperation with the City of Lafayette and Ivy Tech Community College, is embarking on a proposal that will reshape downtown Lafayette into a livable, walkable, vibrant community. Nestled between two existing education centers, Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College, the Riehle Plaza location is an ideal site for transit-oriented development. Funds being sought in fiscal year 2010 will be used for the land acquisition and development of a new transit transfer center.

Central to the redevelopment of Riehle Plaza is a new transit transfer center and a downtown annex for Ivy Tech Community College. This will allow for easier access for students who are dually enrolled in both the Community College and Purdue University. Ivy Tech is filling a critical need for Purdue students that are not able fulfill their core curriculum graduation requirements at Purdue. At present, these students spend a minimum of an hour driving between the Purdue and Ivy Tech campuses. In addition, the new transit hub will leverage existing linkages between CityBus, Greyhound and Amtrak commuter rail service as well as providing improved accessibility for disabled riders.

CityBus is proud of the role we play in the community and we are pleased to report that last year we had over 5 million boardings. This represents an almost 8% increase over 2007. Together with our local partners, we are eager to begin this exciting project as we look for new ways to serve Greater Lafayette. We remain grateful for your past support to add hybrid diesel-electric technology to our existing fleet and we look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin B. Sennett".

Martin B. Sennett  
General Manager  
CityBus