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February 24, 2010

Thank you for the opportunity to describe a very important transportation project to our community, we respectfully submit a request for a designated federal fiscal year 2011 appropriation of Federal Transit Administration 5309 funding. Please reference the enclosed application form and letters of support.

Citilink/Fort Wayne Public Transit Corporation is a public transportation corporation serving the mobility needs of the City of Fort Wayne and New Haven. Our mission is to provide safe, courteous and dependable public transportation at the most reasonable cost to our community. In CY 2009 Citilink provided more than 1.8 million passenger trips, the majority of which were work related. We are proud of this record, particularly as we serve a community of over 250,000 with 51 buses.

As a small transit system, Citilink must seek additional resources to expand and replace its fleet to better serve its mid-sized metropolitan area. Citilink is requesting funding for the purchase of two (2) fixed route transit buses and nine (9) light transit buses for our Access paratransit service. These will replace existing fleet vehicles that have met their useful life criteria. Safe and reliable vehicles are essential to providing efficient and dependable service to those who often have no other mobility options. The ability to afford diesel-electric hybrids will help Fort Wayne/Allen County regain attainment status for air quality and will reduce Citilink's fuel expense and reliance on foreign oil.

It is necessary to have sufficient capital funding to purchase vehicles to replace our outdated fleet. Our 5307 allocation is not sufficient to replace this many vehicles at once, especially to upgrade to hybrid technology. Citilink has submitted repeated, unsuccessful 5309 discretionary earmark requests over the past six years. The ARRA stimulus funding was helpful; however, not sufficient to replace all of the vehicles in our fleet that have met their useful life. While we look forward to applying for any additional funding that may be awarded to the Indiana Statewide Electric Hybrid Bus Initiative (a proposed 5309 earmark from Senator Lugar), it is likely that at best, if funded, this would result in 1-3 hybrid cost differential upgrades for Citilink.

The total project cost for this request is \$2,010,000; an 80% federal share of \$1,608,000 and a 20% local share of \$402,000. While we have limited capital reserve funds, we are committed to providing the required 20% match for any federal dollars using local and/or state funding. This project is beyond "shovel ready". Bus production slots have been reserved with the manufacturer as a piggy back onto our previous order. We anticipate delivery within months after funding can be secured.

Thank for your continued interest in and support for the Citilink transit system. If you need any further information about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Housden".

Kenneth Housden

General Manager

Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

March 2, 2009

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

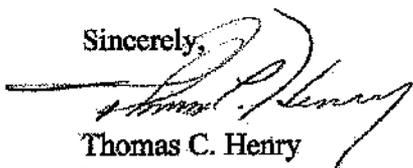
I am writing to you on behalf of the Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation (Citilink) to ask for your continued assistance to secure funding from the Federal Transit Administration for Citilink initiatives. Citilink provides Fort Wayne residents with valuable public transit - both fixed route and demand response - to schools, jobs, medical, and retail facilities. In particular, Fort Wayne's youth, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals find Citilink services especially necessary.

For FY 2010, Citilink has asked that important capital development projects be considered in the legislation. The top priority is the replacement of 5 fixed route buses to ensure safe and dependable service. While Citilink also hopes to benefit from the statewide Electric Hybrid Bus Initiative request for federal funds to allay the incremental cost of purchasing electric hybrid engines, it is first necessary to purchase new buses.

These initiatives are consistent with recommendations from the Fort Wayne Green Ribbon Task Force, encouraging energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. These proposed investments also promote economic development by linking people to jobs and by supporting Indiana businesses who manufacture bus components.

I appreciate your consideration of these important projects and your continued recognition of the importance of and support for the Federal Transit Administration discretionary and formula bus funding programs. Citilink provides an indispensable service to our community and would be a worthy recipient of additional support.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas C. Henry  
Mayor

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