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July 31, 2014

Ms. Paulette Shelton, Director  
Fort Bend County Public Transportation  
12550 Emily Court, Suite 400  
Sugarland, Texas 77478


Dear Ms. Shelton,

On behalf of the City of Richmond, I strongly support the Fort Bend County's plan to construct at a Transportation Facility that will better serve our residents and community, as our City and County continue to realize significant growth and the shortage of centralized public transportation options. All public investments that would help expand and increase the scope and quality of transportation services provided by the County and/or make it more efficient, is a benefit to Richmond residents, businesses, and the surrounding community. As you know, there is a large percentage of residents that need affordable and reliable transportation services, such as those being planned by Fort Bend County.

The City of Richmond encourages residents to shop at local stores, as it keeps our economy going by dollars staying in our community. The transportation services provided by Fort Bend County Public Transportation will help to support our economy, because more residents will be able to use public transportation to shop locally, rather than ordering from out-of-area internet sites. Also, good public transportation makes it easy to get to work in the City and to nearby communities, while continuing to live here.

Therefore, we highly recommend the approval of the grant for Fort Bend County Public Transportation. If you have any questions or would like to visit about the importance of this public investment further, please advise.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Tobias, Jr.  
Economic Development



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Ms. Paulette Shelton  
Fort Bend County Transit  
12550 Emily Ct., Suite 400  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

August 1, 2014

**Re: Letter of Support for Fort Bend County's Transportation Facility**

Dear Ms. Shelton,

The Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council's fully supports Fort Bend County's grant application for federal assistance towards the construction of a transit facility.

We recognize that a new transit facility will alleviate significant logistical and operational issues, allowing Fort Bend County to provide more efficient service to the community. Moreover, we also recognize that having a facility specifically designed to service and maintain transit vehicles plays a considerable role in extending the useful life of these FTA-funded assets.

Again, I am pleased to express our support for this project and am confident that this facility will open opportunities for transportation improvement which may otherwise be unattainable for Fort Bend County.

Sincerely,

Rachel Steele  
Public Policy Director  
Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council



*Committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources.*

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July 30, 2014

Paulette Shelton, Director

Fort Bend County Public Transportation

12550 Emily Court, Ste. 400

Sugar Land, TX 77478

Re: Letter of Support for Fort Bend County's Transportation Facility

Dear Ms. Shelton,

It is my pleasure to offer our support for Fort Bend County's grant application for federal assistance towards the construction of a transit facility.

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Sincerely,

Manuela H. Arroyos, CEO

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels



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August 4, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Fort Bend County's Transportation Facility for the Bus  
and Bus Facilities Program Ladders of Opportunity Grant**

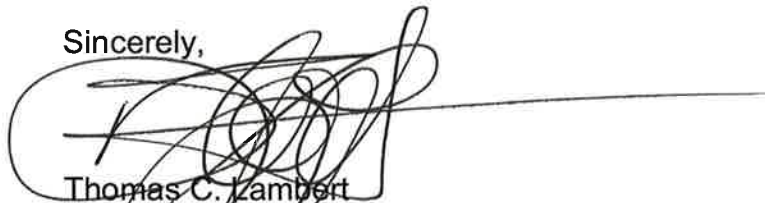
Dear Secretary Foxx:

METRO is pleased to express our support for Fort Bend County Public Transportation's application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to build a unified transit administration/operations facility that would greatly enhance their daily operations and associated costs.

Placing all transit operations in a unified location would alleviate significant operational issues. Fort Bend County Transit currently operates from four locations, including three County owned properties and one leased warehouse space being used for vehicle maintenance. Running transit operations from multiple locations increases costs and prevents efficient use of equipment and staff.

METRO supports this application and hopes that this crucial initiative to improve mobility options in our region is awarded.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Lambert  
President & CEO

cc: Kurt Luhrsen, Vice President, Planning / METRO  
Mary Fay, Director, Grant Programs / METRO



Paulette Shelton, Director  
Fort Bend County Public Transportation  
12550 Emily Court, Suite 400  
Sugarland, Texas 77478

Ms. Shelton,

Fort Bend County's proposal to build a comprehensive transportation facility has my enthusiastic support. With a projected population growth of over 10,000 during the next 5 years, the City of Rosenberg, being in the center of the county, will be an integral part of the growth of mass transportation services in Fort Bend County. We look forward to having a comprehensive transportation facility that can logistically coordinate the increases in traffic and population in Rosenberg.

The building of the transportation facility will provide opportunities for immediate jobs in construction to the residents of Rosenberg. When the facility is completed and the employees move in, Rosenberg will have the potential for additional employment of residents in the administrative, operational, and maintenance staffs or as contract workers.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Fort Bend County Public Transportation as they seek the funding for this project. I look forward to the economic development that a long term relationship with the transportation department will bring to our city and to the surrounding community.

Regards,

Randall Malik  
Executive Director  
Rosenberg Development Corporation



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Fort Bend County Public Transportation  
12550 Emily Court, Suite 400  
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Dear Ms. Shelton,

Jenny Gortney  
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On behalf of The Arc of Fort Bend County, I am happy to offer our support for Fort Bend County's grant application to build a new transit facility. Fort Bend Transit provides valuable service to the entire community. For us, many of our clients who have intellectual or developmental disabilities access the demand/response service to access their jobs. Without such, they would be unemployable.

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A large, new transit facility, where all or most of your operations can be housed together will certainly function to further improve the transportation services you provide. Additionally, centralizing the operation will make it easier for your employees (some of whom are our clients) to access their vans to begin and end their routes.

Laura LaVigne  
Executive Director

Again, I am pleased to offer The Arc's support for this new transit facility. The possibilities such a facility could provide to expanding services is exciting!

Sincerely,

Laura LaVigne