

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3226

March 22, 2012

The Honorable Raymond LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am pleased to write in support of the proposal submitted by the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding from the State of Good Repair Initiative. Funding will be used to complete the final phase of the campus improvement project at RGRTA's headquarters. Phases I, II and IIB of this project have been funded by the FTA.

RGRTA provides vital transit service that enables tens of thousands of Rochester area residents to get to work daily, removing hundreds of cars from the roads and allowing for the creation of green spaces instead of parking lots. The final phase of this project includes the construction of a new Service Building, the addition of a garage to the existing Operations Building, removal and replacement of the underground fueling system and renovations to the Operations Building. These improvements to RGRTA's 40-year-old facility will help improve operational efficiencies, reduce operating costs, improve the livability of the surrounding neighborhood and support the City of Rochester's environmental sustainability efforts. The project will also create approximately 234 construction-related jobs.

If Phase III funding were available concurrently with Phase II construction work, which is scheduled to commence in Spring 2013, approximately \$1.5 million would be saved. Planning logistics and details of Phase III in tandem with Phase II work would eliminate costly temporary installations, lower project supervision costs, and reduce escalation.

Once again, I am pleased to support the application submitted by the RGRTA to the Federal Transit Administration for funding from the State of Good Repair Initiative. I hope you will give their application full and fair consideration and respectfully await your decision. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Kathy C. Hochul
Member of Congress

cc: Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration