

TIM KAINÉ
VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4607
(202) 224-4024

COMMITTEE ON
ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE ON
THE BUDGET

COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4607

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

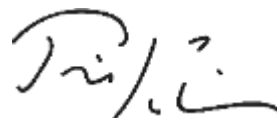
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to express support for Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), an applicant for grant funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program application, for the construction of the new, state-of-the-art, Southside Bus Operating Division Facility.

Hampton Roads Transit is vital to the economy of Hampton Roads, providing transit services to six of Virginia's ten most populous cities. This grant funding will support a critical component of HRT's expanding service and will meet both HRT's and USDOT's goals of moving towards a green-energy future. The Southside Bus Operating Division Facility will replace aging, inefficient infrastructure, reduce operating costs, and provide opportunities for good paying jobs in the region. The new facility will be built to support up to 100 battery electric buses, and it will have the ability to use renewable energy sources such as electricity generated from the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project offshore wind farms and on-site solar panels. The enhanced regional service will reach an additional 487,000 residents and promote upwards of 312,000 additional jobs. The Southside Bus Operating Division Facility will allow for year-round operations and will address long-term fleet capacity demands, positioning Hampton Roads Transit for sustainable and enhanced growth, to best serve the nearly 1,000,000 trips per month across the region in all of its services.

Please give full and fair evaluation to this project, which will benefit Hampton Roads with a modern, safe, and efficient core network of transit services, while protecting the environment through green energy alternatives. Should you have any questions regarding this project, contact my office's Grants Coordinator, Elda_Stanco@kaine.senate.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim Kaine