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Nuria Fernandez
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Areas of Persistent Poverty Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Administrator Fernandez,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign, I write to you today to support the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's (MTS) application submitted under the FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty Program.

MTS has recently approved a plan to convert its entire bus fleet to a fully zero emission fleet by 2040. In order to accommodate and maintain a fully zero emission bus (ZEB) fleet, MTS must upgrade each bus division with the required infrastructure in order to maintain and operate ZEBs.

The project proposal submitted by MTS would fund planning and preliminary design services for the first phase of overhead charging infrastructure at the MTS East County Bus Division. This project will enhance and develop new infrastructure at the division to support the operation, maintenance, and deployment of ZEBs. Additionally, this project will help with future expansion needs to fulfill MTS's conversion to a fully ZEB fleet.

MTS is committed to advancing transformative mobility options in the San Diego region, while focusing on lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and combating climate change. This project will enable MTS to continue providing vital, clean, and efficient transportation services to the communities of San Diego.

For these reasons, [Agency name] respectfully requests your support in awarding MTS's project proposal under the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Corinna Contreras', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Corinna Contreras,
Transportation Policy Advocate
Climate Action Campaign