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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I request funding for the Gulf Coast Transit District Maintenance and Joint Development Facility – Design Phase Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD), located at 1415 33rd Street North, Texas City, Texas 77590.

The GCTD, created in May 2020 as the successor to the Gulf Coast Center, is a stand-alone public transportation provider for Galveston and Brazoria counties. GCTD (under its community branding of Connect Transit) operates fixed-route, complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit, commuter, and rural demand response services. This request enables the GCTD to consolidate existing maintenance activity which is spread among seventeen (17) outside vendors. The proposed maintenance facility will achieve the objectives of reduced maintenance costs, environmental benefits, and improved asset management. The project has gone through preliminary engineering and requires discretionary funds for advancement through final design and construction. This request will satisfy resources necessary for the final design phase.

The GCTD also has a long-term use agreement for property adjacent to the location of the proposed maintenance facility and has completed a feasibility analysis for the construction of a joint development project involving transit compatible uses such as a day care and childhood learning center. The feasibility study demonstrates that the facility can fulfill unmet needs in this portion of Galveston County, would benefit transit users, and has the potential to create an additional revenue stream for the GCTD.

GCTD wishes to have both projects “shovel ready” for future grant opportunities and is asking for funds to complete final design and survey for both projects. Detail design and survey for the maintenance facility is estimated at \$675,000, with \$500,000 for the joint development facility, for a total request of \$1,175,000. The GCTD will utilize Transportation Development Credits (TDC) as the local match for grant funding.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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