

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express my support for Kitsap Transit's application to the FTA's FY2025 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program. Kitsap Transit is seeking funding for the construction of a 'Bus Operator Training Facility'. This training facility will serve the needs of Kitsap County and partner agencies throughout Western Washington.

This project will support the development of a centralized training facility for fixed-route bus operators, para-transit operators, and dispatch personnel. This facility will create solid middle-class jobs with attractive benefits packages and will promote safe streets and accessible transit on our growing urban and rural roadways.

Once constructed, the training center will offer joint benefits for multiple organizations. Kitsap Transit has been in communication with other agencies throughout Western Washington who are interested in utilizing this facility to train their own operators. Per CDL guidelines, agencies are encouraged to have a dedicated training facility to train their drivers.

Kitsap Transit supports active-duty military and civilian personnel at two of the West Coast's largest naval facilities, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Naval Base Kitsap. Kitsap Transit services such as the Worker Driver Bus Program, are instrumental in transporting service members, their families, and civilian support staff. Kitsap Transit is committed to keeping our military families safe and healthy.

I urge your fair and full consideration of Kitsap Transit's initiative. This project benefits the safety, economy, and military readiness of our region. Should you have any questions, please contact Madeline Monson in my Tacoma District Office at madeline.monson@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,



Emily Randall

Member of Congress