

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0309

May 2, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write regarding the City of Tucson's application for \$11,416,000 from the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program. The funding requested will enable the City of Tucson to upgrade bus stop facilities throughout the public transit system, including upgrading aging lifts used by mechanics to perform necessary maintenance at the Sun Tran Northwest bus maintenance facility.

As part of its commitment to climate action and resiliency, the City of Tucson is working diligently to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, and provide public transit riders safe, comfortable access to the public transit system. This investment would be a significant milestone in the City of Tucson's efforts to combat the effects of climate change and rising temperatures on the public transit system and its riders.

With much of Arizona experiencing temperatures at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, the requested funding will upgrade the bus stops to be more heat resilience and provide better shelter and added relief for public transit users. The upgrades will also greatly improve the safety and comfort of riders who rely on public transportation as they wait for their rides.

The project will have a significant impact on the environment by reducing the carbon footprint of public transportation within Tucson. By providing added shade through structures and trees, residents will be more likely to use public transportation which will reduce the number of cars on the road and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we respectfully ask that you give this proposal full and fair consideration, as you make this important funding decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senator



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator