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Mohammed Khan, Administrator
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
1427R Water Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420

RE: Support for TIGER Grant Application for Wachusett Station

Dear Mr. Khan:

I am writing to express my support for the application MART is submitting for a federal TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Extension – Wachusett Station and Layover Facility. The project will bring much needed economic development to your region and particularly the industrial areas in Fitchburg and Westminster. It will create and preserve jobs that could easily be relocated if these investments are not made now.

As for the benefits to regional commuters, the project will offer realistic public transit option to your residents living to the west of Fitchburg/Leominster area. As a regional transportation project, the benefits to our region have been recognized for several years in our Regional Transportation Plan, and in regional and state Transportation Improvement Programs. From my perspective, the proposed improvements are very important regional transportation priorities.

I request that the project be funded in full through the TIGER program and we can create a regional commuter rail station in West Fitchburg, MA at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Mazarella
City of Leominster

Cc Congressman John Olver
Secretary James Aloisi, EOT-PW