

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT AND INTENT

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March 27, 2024

Joe Goffman, Administrative
Office of Air and Radiation
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
6101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Support for the City of Austin's Application for CPRG Implementation Funding

Dear Mr. Goffman,

On behalf of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG), I am writing in support of the City of Austin's application for funding for a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant Program.

As a regional organization, we recognize the interconnectedness of our communities and the ripple effects successful implementation of the TDM program would have on our region. Improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion, more transportation choice, and enhanced public health are benefits that will extend far and wide, contributing to a more sustainable and prosperous region.

We believe that this project is critical for the broader region, especially as we prepare for a decade of major construction projects that will worsen traffic congestion. We look forward to the positive outcomes of this initiative and to the possibility of future collaborations that further our shared goals of environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Sincerely,

Betty Voights

Executive Director

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Transportation Demand Management Programming grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

As a partner with the City of Austin and the Central Texas regional community, I am pleased to send this Letter of Intent supporting their application for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programming project submitted for your consideration for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program – Implementation Grants General Competition.

This crucial project will promote strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled at an especially critical time for the Central Texas region, as multi-billion dollars of infrastructure improvements begin construction, potentially impacting the community for the next decade. While our community is making tremendous investments in addressing and improving the mobility challenges we have faced in the past, we recognize that these improvements will not come without additional challenges, which can best be mitigated by your favorable consideration of our regionally supported grant application.

If the project is selected to receive the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), CapMetro and the City of Austin would collaboratively develop tailored transit service enhancements aimed at addressing short-term and long-term construction mitigation measures associated with impacted projects as part of the grant's scoping and initiation process. This process would be developed in alignment with CapMetro's 2024 Transit Service Plan, incorporating both interim and final recommendations. It would also consider final construction schedules, mitigation measures for the construction projects, and anticipate the cumulative impacts on those projects.

The scope is expected to cover a range of measures, including stop relocation, route changes, and frequency enhancements aimed at mitigating short-term construction impacts, while also addressing long-term transportation demand and system management needs. Furthermore, it will align with the sustainability objectives of both CapMetro and the City of Austin. All CPRG-funded transit-related mitigation measures are expected to be initially developed in current-year dollars, then adjusted and projected in future-year dollars, taking into consideration CapMetro's operating resource planning.

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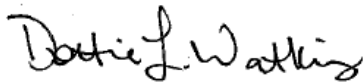
Letter to the Honorable Michael S. Regan
March 28, 2024

With an anticipated \$21 million of the total \$47.8 million proposal dedicated to supporting public transit, we are confident we can make strategic investments in focused mobility to help address a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions under the regional TDM program. As an agency, CapMetro has a commitment and focus to being carbon neutral by 2040 with our fleet equipment, and we know our goals and focus align with the overall goals of the grant submission and program.

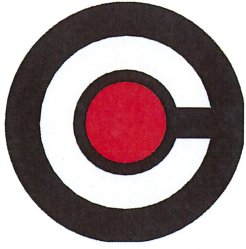
CapMetro is committed to the project's overarching mission, which centers on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through implementing a regional TDM program, and will sign the required Memorandum of Agreement by July 1, 2024.

Our region has experienced tremendous growth over the past decade, and this grant award could make a significant difference in supporting and advancing our efforts to achieve lasting environmental impact. It is our sincere hope that you give favorable consideration to this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dottie L. Watkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dottie L. Watkins
President/CEO



Via electronic transmission only

March 21, 2024

Jacob Barret
City of Austin Transportation and Public Works Department

Re: Transportation Demand Management Programming grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

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Dear Jacob:

I am pleased to send this Letter of Commitment in support of CARTS's role in the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programming project outlined in this application. This crucial project will promote strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled at an especially critical time for the Central Texas region, which will have multiple roadway and infrastructure construction projects taking place over the next several years.

If the project is selected to receive Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding, CARTS is committed to assist the City of Austin in implementing the following:

- Increase CARTS service frequency for regional commuters to Austin.
- Offer Vanpools as an option for regional commutes within our District.

CARTS has been involved in the development of this proposal, and our project contributions are described in further detail in the application. We are committed to the project's overarching mission, which centers on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through implementation of a regional TDM program. This grant award will significantly support and advance our efforts toward achieving lasting environmental impact, which is an urgent need in our region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


David Marsh
General Manager
Capital Area Rural Transportation System



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March 29, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I am pleased to support the City of Austin's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programming grant application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants. This letter signals TxDOT's intent to partner with the City of Austin in the following role:

- Incorporation/layering of TDM program elements into the Central Texas region's construction information one-stop shop app and website being developed by TxDOT.

Thank you for considering this application. If you have any questions, please call me at (512) 305-9515 or you or your staff may contact Melanie Alvord, Director, Federal Affairs at Melanie.Alvord@txdot.gov or (512) 944-5135.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Williams, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Tucker Ferguson, P.E., District Engineer, Austin District
Melanie Alvord, Director, Federal Affairs Section

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March 22, 2024

City of Austin Transportation and Public Works Department
505 Barton Springs Road #800
Austin, TX 78704

Re: Transportation Demand Management Programming grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear City of Austin Staff:

I am pleased to send this Letter of Commitment in support of Movability's role in the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programming project outlined in this application. This crucial project will promote strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled at an especially critical time for the Central Texas region, which will have multiple roadway and infrastructure construction projects taking place over the next several years.

If the project is selected to receive Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding, Movability is committed to assist the City of Austin in the following:

- Assist in implementation of transportation wallets, subsidies, incentives, and rewards for commuters to take low-GHG trips in place of drive-alone trips.
- Assist in implementation of grassroots, community-based programming to develop personalized travel planning for hard-to-reach communities impacted by major construction projects.

Movability has been involved in the development of this proposal, and our project contributions are described in further detail in the application. We are committed to the project's overarching mission, which centers on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through implementation of a regional TDM program. This grant award will significantly support and advance our efforts toward achieving lasting environmental impact, which is an urgent need in our region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lonny Stern, *Executive Director*
Movability