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Charlotte Shaw



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Katrina Thomas  
Director of Planning Engineering and Permits  
City of Birmingham  
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Birmingham, AL 35205

Dear Director Thomas,

I am writing on behalf of the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) to express our wholehearted support for the City of Birmingham's pursuit of a Comprehensive Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Corridor Plan with CPRG Implementation Grant funds. At BJCTA, our mission is centered on providing safe, reliable, and excellent transit and mobility services that actively contribute to the region's economy, vitality, and sustainability.

In collaboration with the City, we proudly launched Alabama's inaugural Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, the Birmingham Xpress (BX), in September 2022. Since its inception, the BX has proven to be a resounding success, seamlessly connecting Birmingham's neighborhoods from East to West, offering fast, affordable, and dependable service. We firmly believe that implementing a TOD corridor plan will significantly enhance the BRT system's effectiveness and assist BJCTA in achieving our objectives of expanding BX routes.

BJCTA and the City of Birmingham have a history of fruitful collaboration on various TOD initiatives, notably the development of the BRT. A TOD corridor plan presents an invaluable opportunity for BJCTA to collaborate closely with the City to identify strategic locations for mobility hubs and implement incentives aimed at increasing density, thereby bolstering support for the BRT. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of being involved in this initiative and eagerly anticipate partnering with the City of Birmingham to formulate a TOD corridor plan that ensures the expansion of the BX, enabling all residents to access swift, affordable, and reliable transit services.

As the Executive Director/CEO of the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority, I commend the dedication and efforts invested in advancing transit-oriented development. I wholeheartedly encourage continued collaboration among BJCTA, our community, and the City of Birmingham to further enhance the region's economy, vitality, and sustainability through improved transit infrastructure.

Thank you for your commitment to this vital endeavor. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 205-521-0101 or [cshaw@bjcta.org](mailto:cshaw@bjcta.org).

Sincerely,

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