

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Jerry L. Demings  
Mayor of Orange County  
Orange County Government  
201 S. Rosalind Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Mayor Demings,

**Subject: 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Application**

We are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation funding for a new express service and nine (9) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses.

MetroPlan Orlando's Air Quality Contingency Plan identifies both increased transit ridership and the replacement of diesel buses with CNG buses to improve regional air quality and reduce emissions.

In partnership with Orange County, LYNX has developed comprehensive transit plans that will provide faster, more direct, and more reliable multimodal transportation choices for travelers in Central Florida. Key to these choices are regional express routes that connect major employers such as Disney World and higher education such as Valencia College to low-income and disadvantaged communities, such as the Pine Hills community.

I am encouraged by the opportunity to provide new travel options to residents of Central Florida and the potential to reduce regional Green House Gas (GHG) emissions. As the region continues to grow and attract new travelers, Orange County and LYNX will require additional resources to meet Central Florida's mobility and environmental needs.

Sincerely,



Gary Huttman  
Executive Director

