



July 31, 2014

On behalf of Epic Systems, I am endorsing the attached application for a Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities grant in support of its Ladders of Opportunity Initiative.

Epic has worked well with the City of Madison and Metro Transit over the past several years to establish and increase public transit service from areas where our employees live to our campus in Metro's partner community of Verona, Wisconsin. One employee called his commute on public transit the "25th hour" of his day. Clearly, public transit is good for our business and for our employees.

Our business is growing, and one of the things that helps us attract and retain good employees is a robust transit system. However, we continue to have an increased need for service, and Metro Transit is limited by their resources, including capital funding for buses, as to how much more service they can provide. The second route Metro created for us has increased ridership 56% year-to-date. After recently adding 800 employees, we could use even more service.

We look at this grant opportunity very favorably as a way Metro Transit and the City of Madison can help us provide more of the quality public transit that helps us to be an attractive employment option for the talented workforce we hope to attract.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tod Sloan".

Tod Sloan, Administration
Epic System