

July 31, 2014

Chuck Kamp, Transit General Manager Metro Transit 1245 East Washington Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Kamp:

On behalf of UW Health, I endorse the attached application for a Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities grant in support of its Ladders of Opportunity Initiative.

As you know, UW Health represents the academic health care entities of the University of Wisconsin-Madison: UW Medical Foundation, UW Hospital and Clinics, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, American Family Children's Hospital, and UW Carbone Cancer Center.

We support multi-modal transit in many ways but for this letter, I will just mention that we fund and promote free bus passes for employees.

In planning for our new health care campus in The American Center, we focused much of our transportation planning on public transit to make sure our location is accessible to patients, visitors, and employees.

Over the months of discussion about how to structure the service, it has become clear that more resources, particularly capital funding for an adequate bus fleet, will provide better service.

With a goal of providing sufficient transit access to our new facility in The American Center, we support the City of Madison and Metro Transit's application for funding under the Ladders of Opportunity initiative. Having good public transit service is something we need to attract and retain employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Juli Aulik, Director Community Relations