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RE: Local Match Availability for the UTA Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center BUILD Application

Dear Ms. Barnea, Mr. Bathrick, and Mr. Hill,

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is applying for funding through the US Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program to replace an outdated bus facility by constructing the Depot District Clean Fuels Technology Center (DDTC). The local non-federal amount listed in the application for this project is approximately \$40.61 million to support the BUILD request of \$15.06 million and \$14.8 million other already programmed federal funds, for a total project cost of \$70.5 million. This equates to 58 percent local funding, 21 percent BUILD funding, and 21 percent other federal funding; well exceeding the minimum required match for each of the federal funding sources (BUILD, CMAQ, STP and 5339 (a) and (b) funds).

The replacement of the Central Bus Garage with the DDTC is a necessary improvement for UTA to continue efficient service and to expand service as called for in municipal and regional transportation plans. Funding for the service increases has been initiated by UTA's local partners. UTA has been working diligently to secure the funding needed for the DDTC project. The majority of the funding has been secured through Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality, UTA's 5339(a) bus formula dollars and Utah State Legislature appropriated funds. Award of the BUILD funds would complete the funding plan for this much needed project.

UTA has budgeted \$1,456,144 to begin early phases of the project in 2018. We are committed via our 5 year budget plan to use \$7,350,000 of the Utah State Legislative funds coming to UTA for the DDTC. UTA's financial plan includes issuing a \$31.8 million bond against the future approved state funds in 2020.

Please contact me (801-287-3367) or Alma Haskell (801-741-8813) with any needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of UTA's application.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Biles  
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