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East Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Subject: "Truckee Microtransit Fleet Conception" Project – 2023 Federal Transit Administration 5339 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program Application

Dear Ms. Veltri,

Truckee Tahoe Airport District an integral partner and supporter of transit and mobility in the Truckee-Tahoe area, is writing to express our strong support for the Town of Truckee grant application requesting funding for the "Truckee Microtransit Fleet Conception" Project.

Aligning with local, regional, state, and federal goals to improve transit systems while reducing GHG emissions, VMT, and traffic congestion, the "Truckee Microtransit Fleet Conception Project" will bring numerous benefits to Truckee and the surrounding communities, including Lake Tahoe. The introduction of a Microtransit System to Truckee will greatly increase access to mobility, with the ability to serve up to 5.8 times more residential units than what is currently served by the fixed route.

The completion of a recent microtransit pilot program has demonstrated significant community benefit and efficiency to the community by increasing access to opportunity as a point-to-point service. The pilot microtransit service has also provided a critical "first mile/last mile" solution to existing local fixed route transit services by enhancing the ability to connect to regional and inter-regional transit services. As a result of the success of the pilot program, the Town Council voted on March 14th to continue this service.

Currently, the Town operates medium duty cutaway buses for the Fixed Route, but these vehicles are too large to be efficient for the ongoing Microtransit System. The funding in this request would assist the Town with financial support to procure smaller, accessible, and more efficient and dynamic passenger vans for use in the Microtransit system.

Truckee Tahoe Airport District strongly supports this application for the "Truckee Microtransit Fleet Conception" Project. This project will further historic Truckee's and the Greater Lake Tahoe Region's goal

of advancing a sustainable, accessible, equitable local and regional transit system for locals, employees, and millions of visitors that visit the unique beauty of Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Thank you in advance for considering the Town of Truckee's 5339 grant application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 530-587-4119.

Sincerely, 

Robb Etnyre
General Manager