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The Honorable Steve Womack Chairman Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies 2358-A Rayburn House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley Ranking Member Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies 1036 Longworth House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you prepare the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, we write to thank you for your efforts and request full funding for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants (CIG), including New Start, Small Start, and Core Capacity projects, at the fully authorized level of \$3 billion. We also request your continued support for the dozens of CIG projects under construction or in development.

While the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides \$1.6 billion annually in advance appropriations to CIG, building a transportation system that is efficient, resilient, and meets the needs of our communities requires an investment in the program's full authorized discretionary funding. Local taxpayers rely on partnerships with the Federal Government to develop essential public transit projects like those supported by CIG—and these investments are critical to developing a forward-looking transportation system that will reduce congestion, expand economic opportunities, and provide a variety of transportation options for Americans.

Since the enactment of the IIJA and the expansion of this funding opportunity, numerous projects have entered the CIG pipeline. After these projects complete a rigorous, multi-year, multi-step review, Congress receives a final opportunity to fund them with a Full Funding Grant Agreement. Projects recommended for CIG funding in FY 2025 would directly benefit 14 States and millions of our residents by expanding public transit into new communities, making needed investments in the safety and reliability of our infrastructure, and improving connections across networks to reflect regional needs.

These are transformational projects for the communities we serve in Congress, and the CIG Program is a critical tool for making them a reality. It generates significant regional economic growth, attracts businesses to the project corridors, connects workers to their employers, and relieves freight congestion chokepoints. Today, 24 States have one or more CIG projects in the pipeline, demonstrating the nationwide demand for transit capital investments. Transit project benefits extend well beyond the project corridor, sending \$41.8 billion annually, 56 percent of transit expenditures, to the private sector via manufacturers, suppliers, and service firms located in nearly every Congressional District in the United States.

We therefore urge you to fund CIG at \$3 billion in FY 2025, in addition to the \$1.6 billion in advance appropriations provided by the IIJA, as well as continue to support projects in the CIG pipeline. We appreciate your consideration of this much-needed funding in the Subcommittee's Fiscal Year 2025 THUD appropriations bill. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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