

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Veronica Vanterpool Office of the Administrator Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, TX's (METRO) FY 2024 Low or No Emissions Grant Application

Dear Administrator Vanterpool:

I am pleased to support METRO's application for the FY 2024 Low or No Emissions Bus grant. Specifically, I endorse METRO's proposal to build a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station at their Northwest Bus Operating Facility in addition to the purchase of 100 CNG buses. This initiative aligns with MET-RO's Climate Action Plan and demonstrates METRO's commitment to environmentally friendly transportation solutions.

METRO's service area spans over 1,300 square miles, providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation services to the City of Houston, unincorporated Harris County, and surrounding cities. With this grant, METRO can reduce the service area's carbon footprint and replace the aging fleet with cleaner CNG buses, contributing to improved air quality for all Houston residents.

I support this project and respectfully request you approve METRO's grant application.

Thank you for your consideration,

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