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Mindy Jackson, Executive Director
El Dorado County Transit Authority
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Dear Ms. Jackson:

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) supports the El Dorado County Transit Authority's (El Dorado Transit) request for U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5309 Ladders of Opportunity Initiative grant program funds to purchase local fixed route replacement vehicles. El Dorado Transit has been providing public service since 1975 and is the sole public transit operator on the Western Slope of El Dorado County.

El Dorado Transit is devoted to improving the quality of life for residents in El Dorado County by providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation to local and regional employment, education, recreation, and health care-related services. The proposed replacement bus purchase supports the continued operation of essential public transportation services by El Dorado Transit.

The local fixed route bus service provides transportation to elderly, disabled and general public persons within the Western Slope of El Dorado County. Public transportation services are vital to our clients. These transportation services provide mobility freedom and afford access to municipal and county programs, such as social services assistance, behavioral health services, workforce development services, senior centers, and multiple nutrition sites.

HHS supports this project as a means of ensuring local fixed route services continue to offer safe, reliable transit with the ability to accommodate future ridership growth. We strongly recommend the Federal Transit Administration approve El Dorado Transit's grant application for the implementation of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Ashton", written over a horizontal line.

Don Ashton, M.P.A.
Director