

February 20, 2024

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for HTA's State of Good Repair Replacement of HTA Maintenance and Administration Building, and Creation of the North Coast Zero Emission Training Center

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Eureka supports Humboldt Transit Authority's (HTA) application for the FY24 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for planning funds to complete the planning, design and engineering of the project titled "State of Good Repair Replacement of HTA Maintenance and Administration Building, and Creation of the North Coast Zero Emission Training Center". This project is critical for HTA to maintain current operation of existing transit systems, expand services to meet regional ridership growth and VMT reduction targets, and transition to a zero-emission fleet. This project also provides critical funding and infrastructure that supports regional workforce development programs and HTA's training needs.

The City and HTA have collaborated together for many years in support of the County's public transit systems. Our partnership will continue for decades to come to ensure regional ridership growth and workforce development targets are met.

This application is also consistent with the City of Eureka's Climate Action Plan and General Plan policies and goals that support public transit, promoting zero-emission vehicles and reducing greenhouse gasses and VMT.

With a strong project plan in place and an excellent team assembled, this project is poised for success. We strongly encourage the DOT to support this project and look forward to the multiple benefits that it will bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Kim Bergel  
Mayor

