

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Honorable Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
East Building  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez,

Thank you for your service to the United States. As you know, the bipartisan infrastructure law has delivered historic investments to improve access to and reliability of public transportation in Georgia and across the United States, and I am grateful for your partnership in implementing transformational projects.

I write to request an update on the status of implementation of the Local Transit Planning Support Act, which passed as part of the bipartisan infrastructure law. I wrote this legislation to ensure that underserved and rural communities can access the assistance they need from the Federal government to plan public transportation projects and compete for additional Federal funding opportunities.

Since passage of the bipartisan infrastructure law, we have delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to transit agencies across Georgia to ensure the reliability of transportation services, upgrade critical transportation infrastructure, and enhance investments in new transit modes, such as microtransit.

In order for rural and underserved communities to receive the maximum benefits of transit funding, it is critical they receive the Federal assistance they need to plan projects and deliver benefits for their riders. With this in mind, please answer the following questions:

1. How many communities have received enhanced Federal assistance under the provisions of the Local Transit Planning Support Act (49 U.S.C. §5305(f)(2))? Where are those communities located?
2. What are FTA's main findings from the reports on transit program benefits required to be completed by States and metropolitan planning organizations through the Local Transit Planning Support Act?
3. What has FTA done to ensure local stakeholders are aware of increased Federal funding commitments required through the Local Transit Planning Support Act?

I look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver historic investments in Georgia's public transportation systems through the bipartisan infrastructure law.  
I respectfully request a response to this letter within one month of receipt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator

CC: Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation