



Butler Transit Authority
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April 29, 2024

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Gateway 228 – Mars RR Bridge Extension Project
Butler County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Butler Transit Authority (BTA) to express our strong support for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and the associated funding request through the United States Department of Transportation's FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) program.

As a fixed-route transit system serving Butler, PA, and providing commuter runs between Butler and Pittsburgh, the Butler Transit Authority is committed to providing quality transportation services to our community. Our mission is to continually evaluate our system, make improvements, and provide as many transportation opportunities as possible to meet the needs of our residents.

The completion of the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project is critical for enhancing transportation infrastructure in Butler County and improving connectivity within our community. By addressing transportation challenges and improving accessibility along Route 228, this project will not only benefit motorists but will also enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our transit system.

Therefore, we fully endorse the funding request for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and urge your favorable consideration. The successful completion of this project will contribute to the overall improvement of transportation options in our community and will further our mission of providing quality transportation services to the residents of Butler County.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John H. Paul'.

John H. Paul
Executive Director