



Date: January 2, 2025

The Honorable Bryan Wilson
County Judge
Burnet County
220 South Pierce Street
Burnet, TX 78611

RE: Request for support letter CARTS grant application

Dear Judge Wilson,

THE CARTS DISTRICT
5300 Tucker Hill Ln
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Every two years CARTS has opportunity to apply for discretionary grant funding from TxDOT to continue its current services, develop infrastructure or to introduce or plan new services. Local support is a critical element in the evaluation of projects, so we ask for letters signifying that. This cycle we have seven (7) projects we are applying for and request a support letter to aid our application. This cycle is largely infrastructure-based projects to support our regional network.

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The most essential of the projects is the continuation of services for our Interurban Coach routes that provide scheduled regional bus service throughout our District, connecting at our Eastside Bus Plaza to Flix/ Greyhound, Capital Metro and to the metropolitan area for medical and other services people need to have access to, as well as connecting all major towns in our District to one another. These operating funds are essential to regional connectivity. We will also request bus replacement funds for these routes.

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Regional transportation for the
non-urbanized areas of Bastrop,
Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell,
Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano,
Travis and Williamson counties.

The balance of the projects are capital investments. CARTS operates from eight transit centers in its district. These facilities serve as a hub for local and intercity services and provide a focal point for transit in the local cityscape. We propose planning and building two additional stations in the cities of Flatonia and Lockhart. Both sites will locate in the central business district and were selected in consultation with the local government.

Three of our facilities that were built 15-25 years ago (Georgetown, San Marcos Taylor) will be the subject of a planning project to evaluate needed rehabilitation or expansion of these facilities. Two of these Stations (Georgetown and Taylor) have solar assets that need to be updated, and we will request funding to update those energy assets. We will also apply for construction funding for the expansion of the capacity of the Bastrop Park-n-Ride facility in that rapidly growing city and for funding to continue making improvements to the Eastside Bus Plaza to address the increased bus traffic at that location. The capital projects proposed are economic drivers, employing local construction companies and design professionals, and are sound investments.

We have prepared a sample letter for your review that we ask you provide to us to enclose in our application. Please alter it to your satisfaction. As our applications are due on January 23, 2022, we ask if you could provide yours by January 20, or sooner if you are able to do so. An electronic version (pdf) is best but originals by mail are also acceptable.

For any questions or if you need additional information on these CARTS projects or our application process, please either contact me by phone at 512/505-5678 or via email at Dave@RideCARTS.com.

Thanks for your consideration.

David L. Marsh, CARTS General Manager