

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1502**

April 22, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the HIRTA Regional Transit Facility in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA), and the project is located at Waukee, IA I-80 West Industrial Park Plat 2.

The funding is designated for a transit facility for HIRTA.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

According to HIRTA, HIRTA is the only transit system in the state without a transit facility, so all maintenance of the fleet must be done by a 3rd party. HIRTA also expends over \$100,000 per year on rent expenses across our region. Serving Jasper and Marion County, these funds could be converted from excess maintenance and rent expenses to operational funds helping deliver services to the people of the communities we serve.

Also, the facility will be centrally located, allowing transit systems to easily coordinate and help provide increased medical access with safe transfer points conveniently located along I-80.

The facility will be LEED certified and will recycle rainwater, decreasing HIRTA's carbon footprint and helping keep Iowa's environment clean for future generations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
Member of Congress