



Tom Martin ★ Mayor

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The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
United States House of Representatives
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

The City of Lubbock, Texas, respectfully asks your support of funding recommendations for the FY 2010 Appropriations Request as submitted by the City of Lubbock/Citibus.

The City of Lubbock/Citibus is requesting \$5,100,000 from FY 2010 Section 5309 Discretionary Earmark funds for eight low floor hybrid electric replacement buses and to hire an architect/engineer to design a renovation and expansion of the current administrative and maintenance facilities. Citibus' transit related programs are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Transit Administration.

Citibus' current fleet includes thirty 1996 model buses that have exceeded their useful life of twelve years. The buses will be replaced with low floor hybrid electric buses that will save approximately 30% to 40% in fuel costs and would reduce the dependence on foreign oil. The Citibus facility has not had a significant renovation since 1981 when it was renovated from a car dealership. Since that time Citibus' fleet and staff has experienced significant growth. The facility needs to be renovated and expanded to include updated security and technology. It would also serve as a regional maintenance facility.

During public hearing a number of Lubbock citizens spoke of how much they depend on public transportation to get to employment, education, or medical appointments. For many citizens Citibus is their only form of transportation and they greatly depend on Citibus to in order to provide for their families and be productive citizens.

I appreciate your support of public transportation, and I hope that you will support the City of Lubbock/Citibus' request for FY 2010 Section 5309 Discretionary Earmark funds.

Sincerely,


Tom Martin, Mayor