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The Honorable David Price, Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

Thank you for your past support of valuable transportation projects throughout the United States. As you begin work on the FY21 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill, we write to request robust funding for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning of at least \$15 million for FY21, or the highest authorized levels. We also urge the FTA to continue to award Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grants to eligible applicants who have meet all the necessary requirements.

The Pilot Program for TOD Planning provides grants for the planning, preparation, or design of projects. Eligible applicants have an associated new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project. These Planning grants are a critical tool for maximizing the value of the large federal investment that comes with the awarding of a Capital Investment Grant. Additionally, the grants help localities intelligently conduct land use planning while the new transit corridor is being constructed or expanded. The utilization and expansion of transit-oriented development is critical to revitalizing our cities, reducing pollution and congestion, and enhancing economic opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



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