

United States Senate

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The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003-3660

Dear Administrator Bose,

I write today in support of the Town of Bedford, Virginia's grant proposal to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program to assist with the Preliminary Engineering/National Environmental Policy Act project for a new passenger rail station in the town.

For several years, Bedford, Virginia has worked toward the restoration of intercity passenger rail service to the town. Situated in a rural area of the Commonwealth, the station would enhance accessibility and equity in this region with limited transportation options. The initial planning process resulted in the creation of the *Bedford Regional Passenger Rail Stop Study*, which included engagement with stakeholders and the selection of a site on Macon Street East. I understand that the Bedford Station will include surface parking, a caretaker style station, an intertrack fence, a high-level platform for level boarding, and auto and transit drop-off facilities. The establishment of the station has tremendous potential benefits for the region, including economic growth opportunities, increased tourism, and improved quality of life for residents.

I ask that you give this proposal every appropriate consideration. To the extent possible, please continue to update my office on the status of this grant by emailing GrantSupport_Warner@warner.senate.gov.

Thank you for your service on behalf of my constituents.

Sincerely,



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