

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing &
Urban Development & Related Agencies
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing &
Urban Development & Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley:

On behalf of our districts within the greater San Antonio and Bexar County area, we urge your support for full funding of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program at the President's Budget level of \$2,365,525,000 and for your continued support for the CIG projects under construction or development.

Our regional transit provider, VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority, is identified for funding in the FY25 President's Budget and the FTA Annual Report for the CIG program. VIA's two bus rapid transit (BRT) projects will benefit our transit-dependent communities. Both projects are progressing well in their respective stages of the CIG program including securing local financial commitments, conducting meaningful community outreach and education efforts, all which are solidifying project readiness. As such, both projects are well-positioned to put their identified federal funding investments to work immediately. These projects are the first and only transit capital investments in the San Antonio/Bexar County area and ensure our community has greater access to opportunities through improved transit options, while balancing and enhancing environmental and economic benefits for our growing region. VIA, its local partners and stakeholders have carefully and strategically prepared for this opportunity.

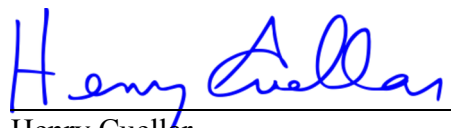
So, as you prepare the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill for FY25, we request, at a minimum, the President's FY25 proposed level of funding for the CIG program and leave in place the advanced appropriations under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

We appreciate your consideration of this funding in the Subcommittee's FY25 THUD appropriations bill.

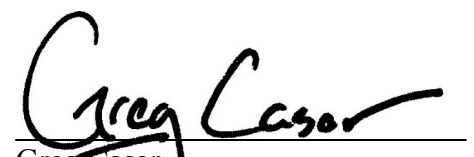
Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress



Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress