Commissioner Kevin Burkart
City of Prior Lake

Dear Commissioner Burkart,

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority is extremely pleased to have received a federal grant award on Aug. 11 from the Federal Transit Administration to modernize Burnsville Bus Garage.

The support you provided for this grant request helped make this crucial garage upgrade possible.
The FTA awarded $464 million in transit infrastructure grants nationwide to improve the safety and reliability of America's bus systems and enhance mobility for transit riders. A total of 96 projects in 49 states and territories receive funding.

Demand for FTA's Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program far exceeded available funds, as FTA received 282 applications totaling approximately $1.8 billion in funding requests, from 51 states and territories.
MVTA received $2.8 million to help modernize the Burnsville Bus Garage, which was identified as the garage ranking last in the Twin Cities region in terms of facility condition.

The Burnsville Bus Garage modernization has been a high priority for the agency for many years. The facility was originally constructed as a manufacturing plant in 1977 and has been in a significant state of deficiency. The funding will be used to make required structural repairs, address safety issues, and accommodate fleet/ service needs.

Overall, MVTA estimated the cost at approximately $8 million to fully upgrade the Burnsville Bus Garage. We're tremendously thankful for the support of local, state and congressional elected officials and the FTA for providing phase one funding. Our hope is to realize additional funding to complete the project, with a goal to modernize and meet State of Good Repair standards so we can effectively serve south metro residents and the region well into the future.

MVTA thanks you for supporting this grant request and appreciates your efforts to provide transportation to the public in the south metro.

Sincerely,

Luther Wynder
Chief Executive Officer
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority