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The Honorable Michael Bennet
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RE: Request for federal funds to support the Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase and the CASTA Statewide Transit Improvement Proposal

Dear Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper,

As the Mayor of the Town of Vail, I write to respectfully request your support in securing funds through the Transit Infrastructure Grants account of the FY 2023 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill to support the Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase and the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Statewide Transit Improvement Proposal. The Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase will replace two diesel hybrid buses with two battery electric buses and associated charging infrastructure.

The Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase is a high priority for the Town of Vail because it furthers the town's goal of transitioning its entire bus fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2032. This project as well as the entire bus fleet transition is an important component in Vail and the Eagle County community's effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase, along with the other projects included in the CASTA Statewide Transit Improvement Proposal, will help to create an integrated transit system that meets the mobility needs of Coloradans. These projects will maximize the role of transit within Colorado's transportation system to enhance system capacity, promote intermodal connectivity, and reduce vehicle miles travel and greenhouse gas emissions.

Please give the Vail 2024 Battery Electric Bus Purchase and the CASTA Statewide Transit Improvement Proposal the highest consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Kim Langmaid
Mayor, Town of Vail