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Mr. Chris Walton  
Director  
Broward County Transportation Department.  
1 North University Drive Suite 3100  
Plantation, Florida 33324

Dear  Walton:

Staff from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Broward County Transit, and the City of Fort Lauderdale had a tele-conference on Tuesday, January 22, 2020 to discuss the City's status regarding regional formula funding; specifically, Section 5307 Urbanized Area Program and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Our discussion focused on formula funding that the City was eligible to draw down for FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 but had not done so. During this discussion, the FTA advised that although the City, as a direct recipient, could draw down these funds, it needed to abide by the various statutory requirements regarding oversight, reporting, and other obligations. In addition, the FTA advised that this was a "local issue" and indicated that as long as we abided by FTA Circulars and coordinated on a local level, their expectations would be met.

In an October 11, 2019 letter to Dr. Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator FTA – Region IV, the City indicated that formula funding (5307 and 5339) in the amount of \$207,989 had not been drawn down and that the City did not have current grant operations to receive the funds. Our letter also incorrectly advised that the City no longer wanted to be a direct recipient. Part of the discussion on Tuesday was to clarify that while we are a direct recipient for other federal funds, we were desiring Broward County to draw down 5307 and 5339 funds as it has in the past. Based on our understanding after Tuesday's meeting and subsequent conversations with your staff, we wish to affirm our position that we will not seek to draw down these funds as a *direct recipient*, but rather defer to Broward County, as the *designated recipient*, to draw down these funds. Our only expectation, as has been expressed in the past, is to receive the benefit of these funds for capital investments for our Community Shuttle Program to supplement, but not to supplant, funding for the program. Based on my discussion with you and your staff after Wednesday's meeting, you agreed with our request.

Please accept our appreciation for your continued assistance with this effort. We are proud of our Community Shuttle Program and our partnership with Broward County. We look forward to its continued growth and success.

Regards,

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