

February 18, 2025

To: House Committee on Transportation Senate Committee on Transportation

CC: Ross MacDonald, Public Transit Program Manager, VTrans

From: Clayton Clark, General Manager

Regarding: Fiscal Year 2026 Governor's Budget

Green Mountain Transit (GMT) supports Governor Scott's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as presented regarding public transit.

GMT acknowledges that the budget as presented would leave GMT with a fiscal gap of \$500,000, which we will fill by implementing additional service reductions in June 2025. GMT has already eliminated \$700,000 a year in service, bringing the full service reduction total from FY24 service levels to \$1.2M.

GMT anticipates continuing to work with VTrans, Rural Community Transportation (RCT), and Tri Valley Transit (TVT) to determine if GMT's rural transit should be transferred. GMT does not expect cost savings in FY26 from potential transfers.

GMT would like an opportunity to inform both Transportation Committees of the service reductions we will need to make in FY27 if the anticipated budget gap remains ~\$3M.