



April 9, 2025

Re: Supporting Funding for Public Transit & Affordable EV Incentives

Dear Chair Westman and Senate Committee on Transportation members,

As you consider the Transportation Bill, Local Motion asks that you support public transit and incentives for affordable EVs to the greatest extent possible.

Investments in public transportation are cost-effective and generate essential workforce access for both employers and employees, while ensuring the well-being of all—but particularly older—Vermonters. When transit providers are forced to cut routes or frequency, Vermonters can lose their ability to get to work, to the store, or to the doctor. Because of this reality, we believe that another dollar spent on transit has much greater utility than another dollar spent on infrastructure for motor vehicles.

We anticipate that funding for Vermont's electric vehicle incentive programs will be significantly reduced in the current T-bill. With the possibility of tariff-induced inflation in car prices, now may be a good time for the State to focus EV incentive funding on supporting the adoption of e-bikes. Vermont's e-bike incentive program is highly successful, and can operate on a much smaller budget than electric car incentive programs. Replacing car travel with an e-bike is an affordable way for Vermonters to reduce transportation emissions, improve their health, and reduce their impacts on our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your work,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathon B. Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jonathon Weber, Programs Director — Local Motion