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**February 3, 2009**

**Michael Kmiecinski  
Tri-County Planning Commission  
Dauphin County Veterans Building  
112 Market St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101**

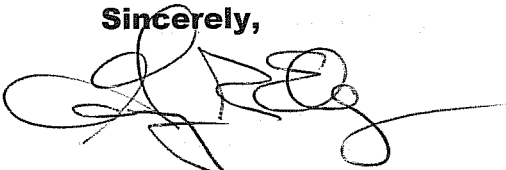
**Dear Mr. Kmiecinski:**

**Per your instructions, please find attached the letter that was sent to PaDot for consideration of Perry County Transportation Authority's (PCTA) request for items for the Economic Stimulus Package proposal.**

**I am requesting that this information be included with other transit requests from the region.**

**If there are any questions concerning this information, please let me know.**

**Sincerely,**



**Gary R. Eby  
Director**

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January 30, 2009

Laverne Collins  
Bureau of Public Transportation  
Box 3151  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-3151

Dear Ms. Collins:

We are respectfully requesting to be made a recipient of \$317,000 from the Economic Stimulus for:

**Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Technologies \$185,000**

**Accessible vehicles \$132,000**

By allowing us to purchase transit ITS technologies and accessible vehicles it can be expected:

- our organization will be able to provide more efficient and effective transportation services to our customers, thereby enhancing local employment opportunities;
- the quality and certainty of service to the disabled and in-need riders will be hugely impacted in our territory;
- we can improve the environment and support clean air initiatives through reduced mileage per passenger on our vehicles and greater communication between the customer, the dispatchers and the drivers to eliminate wasted trips;
- and we can make improvements in monitoring of the safety and security of our services and riders along with the ability to address emergencies such as evacuations more effectively.

Paratransit ITS technologies are operationally mission critical to solve the problems in transportation management, trip reservations, schedule and routing optimization, dispatching, verification, reporting, billing, coordination, fixed route integration and real-time tracking and monitoring of vehicles. Savings and return on investment are achieved through streamlining daily administrative tasks, reducing vehicle miles, improving customer service, reducing driver and labor costs, increasing the number of daily trips, streamlining the reporting and billing processes, and dramatically improving internal business processes.

Our vision is to leverage key components of ITS technologies by creating an integrated system in which communication and tracking of vehicles will be automated, web portals are used to communicate with riders and better react to cancellations, automated calling is used to reduce pick up times and no-shows, and data is integrated and made available so that our staff and management can

systematically monitor the efficiency of each driver, route and provider. All this will lead to more transportation at lower costs.

Additionally, applying advanced ITS technologies to our transit operations will help us improve schedule and route production, ease regulatory reporting processes, manage fixed route and paratransit dispatching as needed, improve safety and security through automated vehicle location and mobile data computing systems, improve customer service, and enable us to coordinate our services with agencies around us for further cost savings. We have discussed the undertaking of procuring transit ITS technologies with our suppliers and have been assured that the products and services can be delivered within the given timeframe put forth.

Funding for replacement of two additional accessible vehicles will cut cost in repairs of vehicles that are in excess of 200,000 miles of services. By replacing these vehicles, PCTA will be able to offer more dependable lower cost per passenger transportation.

We kindly request you to include this opportunity with others that you may be considering, and to ensure that the request is forwarded to the appropriate channels. We would be glad to provide further information and details as needed.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Eby  
Director