



Town of Sudbury

Sudbury Transportation Committee

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Mr. Sean Cronin
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services
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Re: **Multi-Community Proposal for Efficiency and Regionalization Grant**

Dear Mr. Cronin:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter on behalf of the Sudbury Transportation Committee in support of the initiative: **Making the Connection**. We understand that the proposed project entails the creation and/or improvement of age/dementia friendly transportation services to (1) health resources and (2) community amenities that support the well-being and reduce the isolation of seniors, people with disability (physical, cognitive, emotional, etc.), financially vulnerable residents, and veterans.

The **Town of Sudbury** has been a leading force in evaluating gaps in transit services for our community and in evaluating options to create one or more pilot transportation programs to meet these needs. In fact, the current initiative derives from a March 2018 project, under Sudbury's leadership, accepted by MAPC's Technical Assistance Program. The conclusions from many months of assessment confirmed what other regional studies have shown: too many towns are completely car-dependent, and there are many gaps to be filled by providers in addition to Transportation Management Associations, Regional Transit Authorities, and Councils on Aging.

The Efficiency and Regionalization proposal also, and importantly, conforms to the Community Compact Best Practice: "Age and dementia friendly." Recognizing the regional importance of addressing unmet transit needs, MAGIC towns voted in 2018 to contribute up to \$10,000 in support of these efforts. And, in April 2018, Sudbury and other MAGIC towns were admitted to the AARP Age-Friendly Network and committed to focus initially on housing and transportation.

We are confident that this proposal, if funded, will achieve the goal of the Efficiency and Regionalization competitive grant program. The initiative will support long-term local government sustainability by improving the health, well-being, and economic stability of residents in in Sudbury and the collaborating communities.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Carty

Chairman, Sudbury Transportation Committee
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