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House Transportation Bill Secures Increased Funding for Low-No Program

Atlanta, GA, May 2019 – The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) commends the House Subcommittee on Transportation-Housing Appropriations for approving federal legislation for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) appropriations bill that would increase grant amounts for transit infrastructure. The bill has reserved \$94 million for the Low- or No-Emission Vehicle grant program (Low-No) – an increase from the original \$55 million reserved from FAST Act funding that is set to end by fiscal year 2020.

The Low-No program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. The program serves as a critical funding source for transit agencies looking to begin their zero-emission transition. The House bill includes a minimum grant provision of \$1.5 million. This minimum is intended to ensure that recipients have sufficient funding to implement impactful solutions that include multiple vehicles and lasting associated infrastructure.

CTE was a critical voice in Low-No's original inception and approval in 2015. This program increase is due in part to CTE's continued advocacy for clean transit on Capitol Hill.

"CTE is proud to not only provide technical support to support transit agencies as they transition to zero-emission buses, but to also provide a strong and independent voice on Capitol Hill to ensure they have the necessary funding to support these efforts," said Dan Raudebaugh, Executive Director of CTE.

The bill will head to the Senate next for review and voting.

ABOUT CTE

The Center for Transportation and the Environment is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to improve the health of our climate and communities by bringing people together to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation technologies. CTE collaborates with federal, state, and local governments, fleets, and vehicle technology manufacturers to complete our mission. Learn more at www.cte.tv