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Dear Mr. Sponcia,

The Bike Fed has reviewed the MCTS NEXT plan and would like to offer our support for the proposal to improve the system overall with better connections, faster service, and increased accessibility.

In 2009 MCTS added bike racks to buses after a long process that Bike Fed staff at the time had been advocating for and partnering with MCTS for several years on. This improvement and investment of racks has made it easier for people to make last mile connections, grab a ride when weather or mechanical issues arose, and increase ridership overall.

Our staff has also done trainings with drivers in the past with the goal of making MCTS drivers more aware and knowledgeable on how to drive when around people on bikes.

The MCTS NEXT plan is another improvement necessary to help our residents get where they need to go safely and quickly. By combining modes of travel the bike racks on buses, and the improved system schedule, we believe will continue to increase ridership and access for more people.

Bike Fed believes that when we all work together to make mass transportation more safe and convenient it is a win for the region as a whole. We look forward to seeing improvements and partnerships amongst people biking and people bussing.

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