

Chairman Abney and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in support of House Bill 5470.

Rhode Island sorely needs more transit options. The Transit Master Plan offers a large number of potential improvements in the form of new routes, better frequencies and more hours of operation. As we continue to grow both housing and jobs in areas outside the densest urban core, providing transportation options that do not involve driving is more critical than ever.

My sole concern is that I wish to ensure this money is spent on betterment of the transit system for everyone, and not on an ill-advised central hub relocation, which will not serve any purpose to potential new riders let alone current ones, and the current language does not ensure that.

Generally, this bill offers the chance to improve our transit infrastructure, serving more people while serving them better.

Please support H5470.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear