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SUBJECT: The Bus Coalition, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: **R. Edwin Redfern**

Name (Printed or typed)

525 NE 21st Court

Address

Wilton Manors, FL 33305

City, State & Zip

954-640-3738

Daytime Telephone number

ed@eredfern.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE BUS COALITION, INC.**

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of 18 years or more, acting as incorporator of a non-profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is The Bus Coalition, Inc. (hereinafter the "Corporation").

**Article II
PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

The principle street address of the Corporation is 525 NE 21st Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

**Article III
PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized for the purpose of promoting such common interests of its Members as may qualify it as exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws); and within such limits to administer and expend funds for the following purposes:

- 1) To increase federal support for domestic bus transit programs;
- 2) To support other national transit associations with their efforts to strengthen bus transit programs;
- 3) To boost the capacity of bus transit properties in key congressional districts and states to engage their elected officials in securing support for bus transit;
- 4) To engage members of Congress to support funding for federal bus transit programs;
- 5) To promote bus transit as a reliable, environmentally and fiscally responsible mode of transportation for communities across the nation;
- 6) To create a nationwide grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and companies advocating greater federal investment in bus transit;
- 7) To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to and in furtherance of the foregoing purposes; and
- 8) Consistent with the above, to exercise all powers available to corporations organized pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

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Article IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the directors until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors, or until their successors are elected and qualified, are:

Mark Little 1515 Black Hawk Street Waterloo, IA 50702	Randy Hume 433 Hay Street Fayetteville, NC 28301	Todd Morrow 7100 Hardeson Road Everett, WA 98203
Jeff Hamm PO Box 2529 Vancouver, WA 98668	Ron Kilcoyne 3500 E. 17th Avenue Eugene, OR 97403	Leslie White 370 Encinal, Ste. 100 Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Mark Huffer 1200 E. 18th Street Kansas City, MO 64108	Jeff Meilbeck 3773 N Kaspar Dr. Flagstaff, AZ 86004	Ed Redfern 525 NE 21 st Court Wilton Manors, FL 33305

The number of persons to serve on the Board of Directors thereafter, and their method of election, shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

Article V
GOVERNANCE

Except as otherwise provided by law or these Articles, the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be carried on through its Board of Directors and prescribed according to its Bylaws. The manner of their election or appointment, other than the initial Board of Directors provided for herein, shall be provided in the Bylaws. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Corporation is expressly authorized to carry on its business and to hold annual or special meetings of its Board of Directors in any country or in any of the states, territories or possessions of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

Article VI
DIRECTOR LIABILITY

The private property of the incorporators, directors and officers shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever. The Corporation shall indemnify any and all of its Officers and Directors against expense incurred by them, including legal fees, judgments, or penalties rendered or levied against any such person in a legal action brought against any such person for actions or omissions alleged to have been committed by said person while acting within the scope of his/her election or appointment as an Officer or Director of the Corporation, provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall determine in good faith that such person did not act, fail to act or refuse to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent in regard to the matter involved in the action or omission.

Article VII MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have members who shall have such rights (including voting rights), powers, and obligations as are set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VIII DISTRIBUTIONS

No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, trustees, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth in Article III hereof.

Article IX DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets and property of every nature and description remaining after the payment of all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid over and transferred to one or more organizations which engage in activities substantially similar to those of the Corporation and which are then qualified for exemption from Federal income taxes as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws).

Article X ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall not engage in any activity that is unlawful under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, or any jurisdiction where such activities are carried on. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not have or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity, that would prevent it from qualifying (and continuing to qualify) as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(6) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws).

The Corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to an extent that would disqualify it for tax exemption under Section 501(c) (6).

Article XI REGISTERED AGENT

The Florida street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 525 NE 21st Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Roy Edwin Redfern.

**Article XII
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is Lance Francis, 920 29th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713. All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

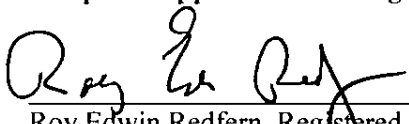
**Article XIII
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or physical handicap or disability.

**Article XIV
AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or to merge or consolidate this Corporation with any other nonprofit corporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, provided, however, that any such action shall be calculated exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the Corporation is formed, and all rights herein conferred or granted shall be subject to this reservation.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity



Roy Edwin Redfern, Registered Agent

11-10-2014
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.



Lance Francis, Incorporator

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