

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0530

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, U.S. Capitol  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Regional Bus Stop Enhancement Program project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) located at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, California 90012. The project site is 5074 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, California, 90029. The funding would be used to fund upgrades to bus stop facilities to address community needs by providing benches, increasing shade, and expanding accessibility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as comfortable, safe, and functional bus stops enhance the efficiency and appeal of the transit network. This investment also supports broader urban development goals by increasing foot traffic near small businesses, strengthening mobility options between jobs, schools, and other important services, and protecting against extreme heat. Of the nearly 13,000 bus stops Metro serves, only 46 percent have seating, and only 24 percent have bus shelters. Well-lit and well-maintained bus stops contribute to safety and security, improving the overall perception of safety for public transit riders. According to Metro's 2022 Customer Experience Plan, adding bus shelters, improving seating and lack of shade at bus stops was a top priority among riders.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman  
Member of Congress