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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 Improvements Phase II Program in Fiscal Year 2027. 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, CA 90012. The funding would be used for upgrades to bus stops facilities across CA-30 locations and address community needs through enhanced shade, seating, lighting, real-time information, and accessibility features. A previous phase of this project was funded in Fiscal Year 2026. Phase II will provide upgrades for distinctly different bus stop locations.

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. Well-lit and well-maintained bus stops are vital infrastructure that contribute to safety and security, improving the overall perception of safety for public transit riders. According to LA 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 Regional Bus Stop Improvements Phase II project will improve transit access, safety, and community viability by supporting riders in transit-reliant areas, boosting local businesses, and strengthening connections to jobs, schools, and services.

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