



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

May 15, 2020

Mr. Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Dear Mr. Washington,

On behalf of Los Angeles County's Tier 2 Operator program, we would like to thank you and Metro staff for recognizing the inter-dependent nature of Los Angeles County's transportation network and the vital role played by Tier 2 Operators. We understand the challenges faced by Metro in allocating funding to mitigate the loss in sales tax revenues and the increased costs associated with COVID-19 in a way that addresses the needs of the overall region.

As Tier 2 Operators we support Metro's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation methodology as presented in your letter dated May 13, 2020. All transit providers in the County will experience impacts that exceed the resources made available by the CARES Act. The majority of Tier 2 Operator funding is generated via Local Return rather than from any of Metro's formula or discretionary funding programs. Tier 2 systems need to be included in any future relief efforts and to be able to actively participate in these discussions.

We appreciate the efforts by you and your staff on behalf of all operators in the County and look forward to working collaboratively with Metro in meeting the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

Sebastián Andrés Hernández
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cc. Tier 2 Operators

