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The Honorable Janice Hahn
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Staff Recommendation on the CARES Act Allocation of \$1.068 Billion

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of Torrance Transit, I am pleased to submit a letter in support of Metro staff's recommendation regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Allocation of \$1.068 Billion. I would first like to commend Metro staff for their hard work at providing the opportunity to review their methodology and consider input from Torrance Transit. Second, we stand in support with the other municipal operators for this recommendation, as we are aware of the significant challenges, sacrifices faced by Metro in the allocation of the CARES Act funds to mitigate the loss of the sales tax revenue and the increased costs associated with COVID-19 pandemic.

All Los Angeles County transit operators will experience impacts that far exceed the resources made available by the CARES Act. Torrance Transit is presently experiencing a corresponding temporary decline in ridership of 50% and 100% in fare revenue since our agency adopted a modified schedule in response to this crisis. While we are making every effort to implement agency wide cost containment efforts, we are uncertain of the impacts for many months to come. Therefore, the CARES Acts funding relief proposed will immediately help mitigate the losses and safeguard the employment for bus operators, mechanics, dispatchers, cleaners and other essential workers that need to travel to and from their place of employment in our area. Additionally, this will help the Los Angeles County transit operators recover their footing once the pandemic is finally behind us, and position us to assist with rebuilding efforts.

We are in sincere appreciation of the efforts by Metro staff and look forward to working collaboratively with you and Metro in meeting the challenges of this public health emergency. We urge you to please take action and support the staff recommendation.

Warmest regards,

Kim Turner, Director
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Cc: Phillip Washington, CEO Metro