



May 14, 2020

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

On behalf of the Local Transit System operators of Los Angeles County 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 local transit 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.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding is intended to support all transit operators impacted by the pandemic. As local transit operators we support Metro’s 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. This is particularly true for local transit systems since the bulk of our funding is generated via Local Return rather than from any of Metro’s formula or discretionary funding programs. Local transit systems need to be included in any future relief efforts and to be able to actively participate in these discussions.

We appreciate the efforts of 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,

George L. Sparks
PVTA Administrator with
Local Transit Systems

