



# City of Avalon

## Santa Catalina Island

May 20, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Phillip A Washington, Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)  
One Gateway Plaza  
Mail Stop:99-25-1  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Dear Mr. Washington:

On behalf of the City of Avalon, we would like to thank you and Metro staff for recognizing the needs of small local operators. The recommended CARES Act funding allocations will help our agency to continue to serve our residents in this difficult time.

Metro’s methodology, process and allocations are fair given the challenges Metro faces in addressing the needs of the entire region. The methodology of maintaining funding levels and providing supplemental funding will provide the needed financial relief to sustain our transportation needs.

Our residents rely on the ferry service as a critical lifeline to the mainland for access to healthcare, higher education and basic shopping needs. This program allows residents to travel on the ferry at discounted rates. The COVID crisis has hit our community particularly hard, with 67% of our residents living in poverty prior to the crisis. The ability to assure our residents their reduced ferry fares will not be impacted will provide tremendous relief during this difficult time.

We appreciate the efforts you and your staff have put into this and we support the allocations. We look forward to working collaboratively with Metro as we navigate through the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Radde, City Manager

Cc: Jocelyn Rivera- Olivas, Transportation Deputy, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn  
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