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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Los Angeles Metro Regional Bus Stop Enhancement Program project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), located at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles CA 90012. The funding would be used to fund upgrades to bus stop facilities focused on improved bus stop design reflecting community needs, including benches, shade, accessibility, and technology. This project is an appropriate and valuable use of taxpayer funds because well-lit and well-maintained bus stops contribute to safety and security, improving the overall experience for public transit riders. According to Metro's 2022 Customer Experience Plan, adding bus shelters, improving seating and lack of shade at bus stops was a top priority among riders. Of the nearly 13,000 bus stops Metro serves, only 46 percent have seating, and only 24 percent have bus shelters.

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,

Jimmy Gomez

Member of Congress