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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 2025. 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 with better bus stop design (reflecting community needs, benches, shade, accessibility, and technology). Of the nearly 13,000 bus stops Metro serves, only 46 percent have seating, and only 24 percent have bus shelters. Well-lit and well-maintained bus stops contribute to safety and security, improving the overall perception of safety 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. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the 34th Congressional District has a large population of communities that fall withing the Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) category. These bus station improvements are in locations where there are higher concentrations of residents with mobility barriers (households earning less than \$60,000 per year), Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) populations, and households that do not have a car.

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