

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

List of Public Comments

Received before 5pm on Tuesday, March 30, 2021

| | Date | Sender Name | Organization | Agenda Item (AI #) | Notes | Subject Line |
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| 1. | March 25, 2021 | Terry Dipple | Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments | AI #1 - Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments | Support for the SCAG staff recommendation for the CRRSAA and ARP inter-county apportionments | Support for SCAG Staff Recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apportionments |
| 2. | March 29, 2021 | Marisa Creter | San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments | AI #1 - Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments | Support for SCAG's staff recommendation for CRRSAA and ARP inter-county apportionments | Support for SCAG Staff Recommendation for Proposed CRRSAA and ARP Inter-County Apportionments |
| 3. | March 29, 2021 | Kenneth A. McDonald | Long Beach Transit | AI #1 - Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments | Support SCAG's inter-county apportionments | Support for SCAG Staff Recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Acts of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apportionment |
| 4. | March 30, 2021 | Bob Blumenfield | San Fernando Valley Council of Governments | AI #1 - Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments | Encourage the SCAG Regional Council to adopt staff's recommendation | Letter of Support for Staff Recommendation on CRRSAA Funding Allocation |

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March 25, 2021

The Honorable Rex Richardson
President, Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR SCAG STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CORONAVIRUS
RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021(CRRSAA)
INTER-COUNTY APPORTIONMENTS – REGIONAL COUNCIL ITEM #7**

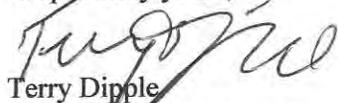
Dear President Richardson:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) inter-county apportionments. We support SCAG's inter-county funding allocation methodology as it is fair, transparent, and implements the intent of CRRSAA and ARP to address the fiscal impacts to transit agencies related to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The CRRSAA and ARP funding allocations are much needed for transit operators and agencies in Los Angeles County to continue to respond to and offset the impacts of COVID-19. Collectively, Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County have spent and received reimbursement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for over 98% of our region's share of the original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act inter-county funding allocations from SCAG. The SCAG staff recommendation reflects the operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief acts. This methodology appropriately directs CRRSAA and ARP funding to the demonstrated need for transit operating assistance in Los Angeles County compared to other counties in the SCAG region. The alternative proportionate allocation would result in a loss of over \$230 million to Los Angeles County transit operators that generated the CRRSAA and ARP funds and desperately need these additional funds to maintain critical transit services to Los Angeles County's 10 million residents.

Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County are ready to obligate, spend and seek reimbursement for eligible operating expenses from the CRRSAA and ARP funds. Thank you for your continued partnership with Los Angeles County and for the leadership and professionalism exhibited by you and your staff in working through the CRRSAA inter-county apportionment process.

Respectfully yours,



Terry Dipple
Executive Director



March 29, 2021

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RE: SUPPORT FOR SCAG STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROPOSED CRRSAA AND ARP INTER-COUNTY APPORTIONMENTS – REGIONAL COUNCIL ITEM #1

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Dear President Richardson,

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) understands that the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will soon be acting on the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) inter-county apportionments for transit operators. **We express our strongest support for SCAG staff's recommendation with regards to the CRRSAA and ARP inter-county apportionments as the recommendation provides a fair and transparent process that implements CRRSAA and ARP's intent to address the transit agencies' fiscal impacts related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

The CRRSAA and ARP funding allocations are much needed for transit operators and agencies across Los Angeles County as they continue to respond to and offset the impacts of COVID-19. Collectively, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and other transit operators in Los Angeles County have spent and received reimbursements from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for over 98% of the region's share of the original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act inter-county funding allocations from SCAG.

Consistent with the federal process for apportioning CRRSAA funds to each Urbanized Area (UZA), the SCAG staff recommendation reflects the operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief acts. This methodology appropriately directs CRRSAA and ARP funding to the demonstrated need for transit operating assistance in Los Angeles County compared to other counties in the SCAG region. The alternative proportionate allocation can result in a loss of over \$230 million to Los Angeles County transit operators that generated the CRRSAA and ARP funds for the UZA. Los Angeles County's transit operators desperately need these additional funds and assistance to maintain critical transit services to the County's ten million residents. Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County are ready to obligate, spend, and seek reimbursement for eligible operating expenses from the CRRSAA and ARP funds.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and the SGVCOG is dedicated to finding collaborative solutions and working with SCAG staff to address our member

agencies' concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 457-1800 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marisa Creter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marisa Creter
Executive Director
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments



March 29, 2021

The Honorable Rex Richardson
President, Regional Council
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RE: Support for SCAG Staff Recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apportionments Regional Council Item #7

Dear President Richardson:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) inter-county apportionments. Long Beach Transit (LBT) supports SCAG's inter-county funding allocation methodology. The methodology as presented is fair, transparent, and implements the intent of CRRSAA and ARP to address the fiscal impacts to transit agencies related to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The CRRSAA and ARP funding allocations are critically needed for LBT and transit operators and agencies in Los Angeles County to continue to respond to and offset the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Collectively, LBT, and other transit operators in Los Angeles County have expended and received reimbursement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for over 98% of the Los Angeles County region's share of the original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act inter-county funding that was allocated by SCAG in June 2020.

The SCAG staff recommendation being considered by the Regional Council reflects the operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief acts. This methodology appropriately directs CRRSAA and ARP funding to Los Angeles County transit operators based on the demonstrated need for transit operating assistance in Los Angeles County compared to other counties in the SCAG region. The alternative proportionate allocation would result in a loss of over \$230 million to Los Angeles County transit operators that generated the CRRSAA and ARP funds. The Los Angeles County transit operators desperately need these additional funds to maintain critical transit services to Los Angeles County's 10 million residents.



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LBT and other transit operators in Los Angeles County are ready to obligate, expend and seek reimbursement for eligible operating expenses from the CRRSAA and ARP funds.

Thank you for your continued partnership with LBT and Los Angeles County and for the leadership and professionalism exhibited by you and your staff in working through the CRRSAA inter-county apportionment process.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McDonald

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and CEO



San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

March 24, 2021

Honorable Rex Richardson
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RE: Letter of Support for Staff Recommendation on CRRSAA Funding Allocation

Dear President Richardson,

The SFVCOG Transportation Committee just last week took up the issue SCAG's allocation of the currently unallocated amount of the UZA's CRRSAA funds. We encourage the SCAG Regional Council to adopt staff's recommendation that the Regional Council follow the FTA approach that uses 75% and 132% of the 2018 Operating Costs as reported for the UZA in 2018 NTD to allocate CRRSAA and ARPA funds respectively when combined with the preceding rounds of stimulus funds to each of the UZAs to further suballocate to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs.

We understand that SCAG has utilized the same approach that FTA applies at the UZA level to further sub apportion to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs. SCAG staff utilized this approach in apportioning the funding allocated to the region through the first stimulus bill, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This allocation should follow the same process and approach to ensure continued funding to the region, with the formula keeping LA County whole as it relates to its portion of the funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, John Bwarie, at john@stvcog.org or 818-570-3408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Blumenfield".

Bob Blumenfield
Chair, SFVCOG Transportation Committee
Councilmember, LA City Council, 3rd District