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May 26, 2020

Scott Haggerty, Chair Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Bay Area Metro Center
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Subject Line: Second Petition Requesting Immediate Action to Protect the Lives of Transit Workers and Riders

Chair Haggerty and Commissioners of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission:

At your April MTC meeting, several dozen members of the public, including leaders and members of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) commented, orally and in writing, in support of a letter we submitted April 20. We collectively asked that you make the lives and safety of transit workers and riders your number one priority in the allocation of federal emergency transit funds appropriated in the CARES Act.

On Friday, you received a petition supporting this request, signed by 459 transit workers, other essential workers, transit-dependent riders, and other community members making that demand.

Attached please find an additional petition, with another 601 signatures.

The text of the petition is below, (and the complete petition is attached):

As the steward of \$1.3 billion in emergency federal transit assistance, you must spare no effort to ensure that the riders and workers who use and operate public transportation in the Bay Area are fully protected from exposure to COVID-19.

Public transportation is an essential frontline service, today more than ever before. During this unprecedented pandemic, our buses and trains carry essential workers to hospitals, pharmacies,

grocery stores, and other workplaces where they provide care and services that support the millions of Bay Area residents who can shelter in place.

Many other transit riders today are transit-dependent and rely on transit to get to those essential destinations.

Transit workers -- those who operate, maintain, and clean our transit vehicles -- are also essential frontline workers. They face high rates of infection and death on the job.

All of these workers and riders are placing themselves and their families in harm's way, and deserve our full support.

We, therefore, demand that you direct sufficient funding in the allocation of the remaining federal emergency transit funds to ensure that each one of our transit agencies provides all of the following:

- 1. Increased health and safety measures for transit workers and the riding public, including gloves, masks, sanitizers, and all PPE needed.*
- 2. Pandemic leave for anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19, exposed to them, or with family or childcare obligations resulting from shutdowns.*
- 3. Compensating workers classified as essential during a public health crisis with at least 1.5 times their normal wage.*
- 4. Rear door entry and fare elimination to support social distancing.*
- 5. Hand sanitizer on all transit vehicles and transit hubs.*
- 6. State-of-the-art sanitizing to disinfect all transit vehicles upon return to division/work location, and for line relief operators.*
- 7. Retaining employees and maintaining wages and benefits during service curtailment.*
- 8. Strategic continuation of service to avoid overcrowding.*
- 9. Limiting bus passenger loads for 35-foot buses to 5 riders, 40-foot buses to 6 riders, and 60-foot buses to 9 riders and paratransit to no more than 1 rider.*
- 10. Requiring passengers to wear masks to board a transit vehicle.*
- 11. Fully-paid, on-site testing of transit workers for COVID-19 symptoms.*

You can allocate tens of millions of dollars to flattening the curve and save lives, while still devoting the vast majority of funds to retain employees and maintain wages and benefits during service curtailment.

We look forward to your swift action to put the lives and safety of transit workers and riders first.

Sincerely,


John Courtney
President and Business Agent
Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 265



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All Signatures | 601 signatures

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