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Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the San Bernardino Mountains Bus Stop Modernization project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority, located at 41939 Fox Farm Rd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

The funding will be used to undertake a complete overhaul of Mountain Transit's most heavily utilized Fixed Route and OTM (Off-the-Mountain) commuter bus stops. The majority of current bus stops do not offer riders much beyond a posted sign identifying where and when they can catch the next bus. As a result, many locations have had members of the community bring out old random chairs to utilize while awaiting the next bus.

Proposed improvements would include an actual viable shelter structure to safeguard patrons from inclement-snowy weather, bench seating capable of holding multiple people, a trash can and cigarette receptacle to encourage riders not to litter, solar lighting to increase night-time visibility and safety, and a schedule holder that display the entire route. These modernized bus stops would also include graded pathways with ramps / railings where needed to ensure ADA compliance. For many members of our community, particularly those from low-income or disadvantaged populations, Mountain Transit serves as their only means to travel off or back on the mountain to access improved medical services, places of employment, department and big box stores, etc. and sometimes serves as their only mode to get around locally to access grocery stores and basic essentials. In addition, the mountain communities we serve have larger concentrated populations of senior citizen and veterans, both of which would benefit from ADA compliant bus stops that have rest areas to reduce fatigue.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress