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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting community project funding for RTC Dual Direction Bus Shelters in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, 600 S. Grand Central Pkwy. Ste. 350, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

The funding would be used to implement new transit shelters that offer increased shade and cooling to combat extreme heat affecting many of Las Vegas' arterial roadways. The RTC will coordinate with the local jurisdictions on bus shelter replacement and shelter pad and sidewalk reconstruction within their limits and obtain temporary construction easements as necessary. The RTC has extensive experience in implementing bus stop improvements on regional roads and has the administrative processes and technical capabilities to acquire easements and other right-of-way in accordance with federal and local requirements.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help address the impact of extreme heat in communities and enhance comfort and safety for transit riders along several high-ridership routes by installing and/or upgrading shelters specifically designed to provide all-day shade. Currently, many bus stops consist of little more than a sign attached to a nearby block wall and a metal bench. Seating is often limited, and shade is often not available. Extreme heat presents both a barrier and a public health risk for individuals who rely on walking, biking, and transit for their daily mobility needs. This project will support public transit users in Southern Nevada by installing 50 climate-adaptive bus shelters within the existing RTC transit service area. The proposed improvements will make waiting for transit safer and more comfortable for users along and near these corridors.

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,

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Congressman Steven Horsford