

# Southern California TRANSIT FORUM

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Dear State Leaders:

Current budget proposals to eliminate state transit assistance funding, in addition to the erosion of local sales tax funding for these services, will have devastating impacts throughout California.

Not only will local transit agencies be forced to layoff workers that support these services, reductions in bus service will create even greater obstacles for the riders who are dependent on these services for transportation to employment, school, and medical services. The compounded economic and social impacts of these cuts will further suppress the state's economic recovery.

These cuts also come at a time when the state is asking local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation. Transit is a key component needed to achieve these targets, which becomes impossible by the state's continued funding cuts and associated service reductions.

We know the state continues to face significant fiscal problems, but we ask that you not balance the budget on the back of economic recovery and the safety net that supports those struggling to keep their jobs.

Sincerely,

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