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Union City Transit Approved to Receive \$922,560 from the CARES Act

After a vote of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on Wednesday, Union City Transit is set to receive \$922,560 to help fill funding gaps brought on by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The MTC approved on Wednesday the allocation of more than \$780 million of federal funds to cash-strapped Bay Area transit agencies through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law last month. Union City Transit is one of 25 transit agencies in the Bay Area set to receive funding through this allocation.

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, a MTC Commissioner, expresses:

“We are incredibly thankful that Union City Transit is going to be the recipient of \$922,560 from the CARES Act. As a MTC Commissioner, I have been observing the widespread impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Bay Area transit systems. These funds will be used to continue operation of our vital public transportation system now and into the future. Union City Transit has taken extraordinary steps to maintain service to essential workers who rely on public transportation, and I applaud them for doing this with the utmost care and caution towards the current physical distancing guidelines. The health and safety of our transit operators and riders is of utmost importance to us.”

Union City Transit, like other bus systems, has not been enforcing fares since March 23rd and there has been a sharp decline in ridership; however, Union City Transit continues to operate its posted schedule with little to no service disruptions and are continuing to serve the riding public at this time.

The funding will be the first of two distributions of the roughly \$1.3 billion in CARES Act funding, for which Bay Area transit agencies are eligible.

Union City Transit is taking responsible and proactive action to serve essential workers at this time. In addition to the latest Alameda County’s latest Public Health Emergency Order is now requiring all people who use transit or ride-sharing to wear face coverings, Union City Transit operators are also wearing masks, gloves and face shields (for use when securing wheelchairs) in their daily operations. Buses are also being disinfected multiple times daily at the depot and BART station.

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