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STATEMENT FROM MATA CEO REGARDING SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

Recent passage of ordinance dedicates a percentage of capital funding to public transportation

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Shelby County Commission recently passed an ordinance that will dedicate 1.5 percent of the Shelby County Government Capital Improvement Program budget to public transportation. The ordinance – which was led by efforts by Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris – is historic since it is the first time that Shelby County Government has dedicated annual capital funding for public transportation.

“We are pleased to see the Shelby County Commission take such an important step in the betterment of public transit in our community,” said Gary Rosenfeld, Chief Executive Officer at MATA. “All residents benefit from an investment in public transportation. This includes those who live outside of Memphis and those who never use a bus. When we add buses, we are taking cars off the road. An investment in public transportation means less traffic and improved air quality for all residents. This will result in reduced commute times and reduced wear and tear on our roads.”

The capital improvement funding will assist with replacing aging buses and other capital needs that could improve how public transportation is delivered to the public.

About MATA

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is the public transportation provider for the Memphis area. As one of the largest transit operators in the state of Tennessee, MATA transports customers in the City of Memphis and parts of Shelby County on fixed-route buses, paratransit vehicles and vintage rail trolleys. For more information, visit www.matatransit.com.

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