



Village of  
Shorewood Hills

April 3, 2015

Mr. Charles Kamp  
General Manager  
Madison Metro  
1245 E. Washington Ave  
Suite 201  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Kamp,

The Village of Shorewood Hills sincerely appreciates the dialogue with Metro over the course of the last few years concerning an increase in our contribution to Metro for public transit.

The Village understands and appreciates the importance of public mass transit to our local, regional, state economies and our responsibility to pay our fair share of the cost to fund Metro. The Village is a strong advocate for the development of a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that would provide the mechanism necessary to truly ensure that transit costs are shared equitably, and also provide the ability to develop the best public transit possible in this region.

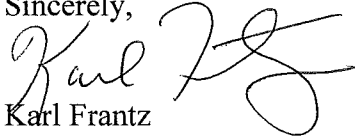
The Village is committed to do its best to help offset the Metro operating deficit. Unfortunately the standard contribution formula simply does not work for the Village. The enormous and comparatively disproportionate financial burden it would place on the Village budget and Village residents is just too much for us to bear. In addition and perhaps more importantly we are not convinced the formula is fair to us for reasons including but not limited to, our small size and location on an extremely busy transit corridor with numerous bus routes, frequencies and stops. The Village was not involved in the process for determining that formula, but likely would have had problems with it, if we had been.

The Village has budgeted \$25,000 as its total contribution to Metro for 2015. This includes payment of our para transit billings and an additional amount to come to \$25,000.

The Village will make our best efforts to maintain and also consider increases to this amount in future years. One possible benchmark would be for the Village to work toward a contribution on a per capita basis in an amount equal to the per capita cost to City taxpayers to fund the operating deficit.

We look forward to working with Metro in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Frantz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Karl Frantz

Village Administrator