



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

June 26, 2025

Mayor Bass,

I am writing you with deep concern over law-abiding citizens in the Los Angeles metropolitan area being unable to access federally funded transit services because of your failure to stop the violent riots in your city.

Closing stations, cancelling bus routes, and redirecting rail lines is a direct result of your inability or unwillingness to control the protests and violent mobs that paralyzed Los Angeles. I'm grateful President Donald Trump deployed the National Guard and Marines to stop the chaos.

You have allowed many forms of transportation funded by Federal tax dollars to become inaccessible to Angelenos needing to reach their jobs, schools, medical appointments and more. Our transit workers require your support to keep communities and families moving safely and efficiently.

The weak leadership you have shown in these critical times does not inspire confidence in your ability to represent one of the Nation's largest cities as it hosts one of the world's biggest events, the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the LA 2028 Summer Olympics (collectively, the LA games), where millions from around the globe are expected to visit Los Angeles. Based on your slow action to quell the riots, the Department of Transportation is deeply concerned about your ability to keep the commuting public safe and to handle the transportation logistics needed for the LA games.

I am requesting you provide the following details by July 26, 2025:

- Please provide a status update on all lines that experienced closures and delays due to the riots happening across Los Angeles in the last two weeks.
- How is the Los Angeles Police Department collaborating with transit police and Federal law enforcement to restore order?
- What safety protocols do you have in place to address future riots or unlawful activity on the Los Angeles transit systems, which are supported with Federal funds?
- What resources will you be deploying to ensure fans can get to the LA games safely and on time?

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'S.P. Duffy', is written over the name Sean P. Duffy.

Sean P. Duffy