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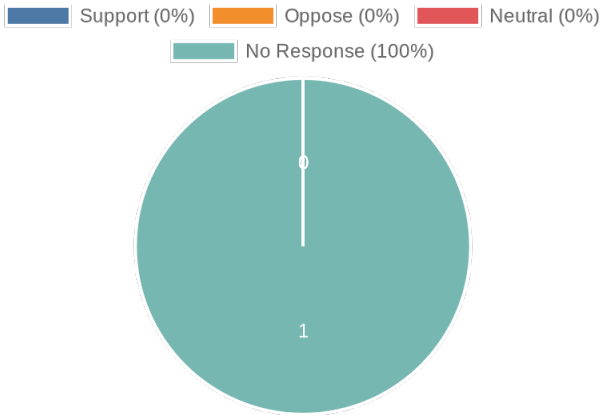
eComments Report

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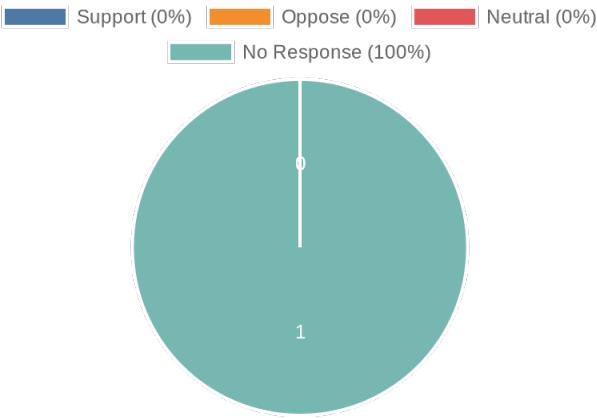
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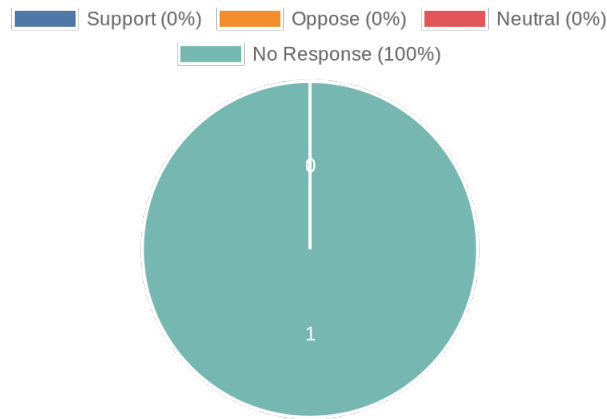
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thomas stawicki

Location:
Submitted At: 7:31am 04-17-25

My name is Tom Stawicki and I am the Legislative Director for ATU998 and would like to comment in favor of Item 4. Last year, MCTS brought this TNC idea up in the Finance Committee and it was the first time ATU even heard of this idea. We were opposed to it from the start because of drivers concerns, especially female drivers. Instead, we had been working on and proposed a expansion of a driver operated relief van pilot program, which the County ultimately funded (vans only). The County also funded this TNC program with a \$35,000.00 budget amendment. The proposal from ATU would add layers of needed security for our drivers as they traverse to and from bus relief points. The initial pilot program was highly popular with our drivers.

Fast forward to 2025 and MCTS is now pulling the plug on their TNC Program due to a projected higher cost for operation (about \$300,000 per year) and is requesting that the original funding be returned to the Contingency Fund. ATU998 agrees with this decision and is hoping MCTS will join ATU in embracing our Relief Van Program. At last week's Transit Committee Meeting, MCTS testified that there is no money for this program, even though funding for the purchase of two vans was budgeted. Our contention is that MCTS can create operator positions for this program using existing staffing and funding using their HASTUS Scheduling Program (google "what can the HASTUS scheduling program do). Of course, MCTS disputes this and contends it would cost about \$250,000, a figure we dispute.

Our asks are that you vote not only for the return of the \$35,000 set aside for the funding of the TNC program to the contingency fund, but that you also ask MCTS to work with ATU to figure out a scheduling solution so that the relief van program can be funded and expanded.

Of course, feel free to contact us with any questions.