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*Central Alabama's Specialized Transit  
A Project of the Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium*

August 21, 2023

Mayor Scott Brakefield  
City of Alabaster  
1953 Municipal Way #101  
Alabaster, AL 35007

Re: ClasTran 2024 Local Match

Dear Mayor Brakefield,

We would like to express our gratitude to you, on behalf of our Board of Directors, customers and employees at Clastran, for your past support. The quality transportation provided by Clastran is essential for the people we serve as well as their families and care takers. Transportation is provided to dialysis and medical appointments, adult day care facilities and other essential destinations such as access to many kinds of health care, food shopping and other basic needs necessary to maintain quality of life.

It is important to note that the MPO has been reducing 5310 funds to Clastran. Clastran had been receiving three million dollars per year since 1997, but with recent reductions from the MPO, that amount has been reduced to one million in Federal Funds. The cost of most travel will not be subsidized at the federal level.

We must now look for other funding in order to continue the service we have traditionally offered. With no other choice we will need to raise the per ride fee to the rider. **We would also be grateful for your municipality to contribute a fair amount for the service your residents need.**

Since the average cost per trip is \$41, if the consumer is charged a fee, and a small amount can come from the reduced 5310 grant, your city would need to contribute **\$10,200.00** to help keep this vital service for your citizens. Please consider this request as your community relies on Clastran for transportation. Our elderly and disabled citizens require this service every day.

Payments may be spread over 12 months or made quarterly as necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 205-325-8787 or email me at [sspencer@clastran.com](mailto:sspencer@clastran.com).

Thank you. *Shari Spencer*  
Shari Spencer  
Executive Director

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