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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi, I'd like this comment related to the Spirit Bus service to be read at the next council meeting!

Hi there!

My name's Catherine Peng and I'm a resident of Monterey Park. I'd like to comment on the spirit bus service. It's been frustrating to see how it has not been running for so long, and the return is constantly postponed. Right now I am a university student, and when I return home transportation is much harder without the Spirit. I was a frequent user of the service during high school, and have many elderly family members that used it daily. I have many friends still in high school who have to use other sources of transportation instead, which is both less convenient and more expensive. Metro, the best alternative, is \$1.75 a ride. That's 7 times more than the cost of a spirit bus ride, 25 cents!

That's not to mention the bigger picture importance of the Spirit as a way to reduce the deep environmental harm from private vehicles, a way to make our streets safer, and overall a step closer to making Monterey Park a better city.

Basically, the spirit is an incredible resource for students and seniors, and better for our city and our planet. We need faster action to bring local public transportation back. I know a while ago there was a survey about how Spirit can be improved, but what matters more is getting it back in the first place! Kindly hurry it up!

Sincerely,
Catherine