



# PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE

April 24, 2024

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**Public Comment Preamble:** The TARC Board values hearing from its customers, TARC employees and public at large. This Board will not respond in this meeting to any comments made at this time. However, TARC will post a response on TARC's website regarding the comments made by the following meeting. In addition, the TARC Board may assign the feedback or comments to be further examined by its subcommittees and, if warranted, further addressed by TARC.

## Public Comment via Facebook

**Arielle Hummel** – Ms. Hummel inquired about adding additional service and stops in New Albany and Jeffersonville. TARC unfortunately is in the process of going to Saturday plus service in the near future. However, TARC is always continuing to look for ways to improve its service. Plus, TARC has had a good working relationship and partnership with these municipalities. TARC certainly should have the conversation about these items and the revenue that would be necessary to make these adjustments while ensuring also that there are sufficient resources to keep TARC service viable throughout the region.

**Laurence Sloan** – Mr. Sloan inquired how much federal money did TARC receive for operating expenses prior to COVID. Technically, TARC did not receive any monies that per se were for operating expenses. However, the federal government does allow TARC to use a portion of Federal Formula 5307 Grants that are mainly used for capital and planning projects to be used for capital cost of preventive maintenance and capital cost of contracting. These expenses are operating and TARC did utilize this tool as permitted and prescribed by the FTA.