



Statement from RTA Board and Senior Staff

The murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and so many others have been a stark reminder that our nation's Black communities are engaged in a daily struggle for justice, equity, and survival. It is now plainly obvious that awareness of racism is no longer enough, and that it is not the sole responsibility of the Black community to fix this problem. It is incumbent on all of us to speak out, take action, donate, and educate. Most importantly, we must listen, we must elevate voices, we must change. We need to stop just talking the talk but start walking the walk and present a united front to stop all racial injustices. While there are many steps for us to take in this journey, we would like to start with posting the following statement on the RTA's website and social media platforms:

Transit has been at the center of America's civil rights movement since Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus. Transit was used as a symbol of division in our nation, and we at the RTA believe it needs to be a symbol of connection, opportunity, and freedom - regardless of race, economic status, religion or any of the other factors that too often divide us. The RTA works every day to develop opportunity for all members of our region to get better access to jobs, education, and each other. The RTA stands with those who raise their voices to oppose racism.

"To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try." – Rosa Parks

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