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Mr. Peter Rogoff, Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration  
East Building  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Mr. Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator  
FTA Region IX  
201 Mission Street  
Suite 1650  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar  
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

I am writing to you because smart development matters. I represent Downtown Sacramento, the River District and the Railyards redevelopment area on the Sacramento City Council. I also serve on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors and on the Policy Steering Committee for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project. Obviously, I believe that rail transit offers tremendous benefit to this region in addressing our transportation and air quality challenges. But it's also an important factor in creating the kind of smart growth that we are actively pursuing in Sacramento.

Stimulating transit-oriented development in our infill areas, creating mixed use neighborhoods, and linking them with a variety of transportation options including bike trails, high quality pedestrian paths,

and streetcar are all part of the vision. This is the vision we are pursuing in our Downtown, and also in the redevelopment and infill areas like the Railyards, Township Nine and the Docks Area.

The Urban Circulator grant program represents an exciting prospect for my district and our region. Construction on the initial segment of Regional Transit's Green Line, which will link Downtown to the Railyards and River District, is just getting started. Phase I of the Downtown/Riverfront line links West Sacramento to Downtown Sacramento with future phases linking to the Green Line and the regional rail system. We are forming the first links in a network that will connect all these destinations with convenient and frequent transit service. Sacramento is demonstrating a real commitment to pursuing the kind of community that the Urban Circulator grant program is intended to support, and that the HUD/EPA/DOT Partnership for Sustainable Communities envisions. I am proud to support this application and urge your approval of funding.

Sincerely,



Ray Tretheway  
Sacramento City Council, District 1