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Attn: Mr. Peter Rogoff, Administrator
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SUPPORT FOR DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT STREETCAR URBAN CIRCULATOR GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

The California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) supports the Yolo County Transportation District's request for Urban Circulator Program funds for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project. DTSC's mission is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm. One of the many ways DTSC delivers on this mission is through facilitating the environmental remediation and reuse of properties that have been impacted by contamination.

For the past five years, DTSC has been active in providing technical assistance to the City of West Sacramento's Brownfield Redevelopment Program. DTSC has assisted the City in planning for the assessment and remediation of brownfield sites within the community and has been integral in helping the City obtain Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup Grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. One of these brownfield sites, 820-824 West Capitol Avenue, has been identified as the location for the streetcar's maintenance and storage facility. The City received an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant for this property in 2009 and is diligently pursuing completion of the remediation project.

DTSC commends the City, Yolobus, and their streetcar project partners for the planning effort to connect this environmentally sustainable transit project with the reuse of a brownfield site, and urge you to fund this Urban Circulator Grant request.

Sincerely,

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