



February 2, 2010

Peter Rogoff, Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator
FTA Region IX

RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

Just a few weeks ago, Los Rios Community College District opened its newest education center in West Sacramento to great acclaim and even greater enrollment. Located on West Capitol Avenue, it adjoins the planned Civic Center station on the proposed Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar line. Having superior public transportation available was a major factor in selecting this location; the promise of streetcar service made the site ideal.

The overall vision for the network of colleges and education centers throughout the Los Rios District is to link every one of our campuses to the regional transportation network of public transportation, including the light rail and streetcar systems. We have carefully selected locations and worked in support of extensions and investments to achieve that vision. All of our students receive a Universal Transit Pass, allowing them to ride Regional Transit for the severely reduced price of \$5-\$30 per school year. We believe it's central to our mission of access to higher education to connect people to education opportunities that are convenient and cost effective; our public transportation strategy remains a key component of that access.

LRCCD is a leader in workforce development. In addition to offering low cost college courses, we provide job training and administer the Small Business Development Center for the region. We are very sensitive to the prospects for job creation and economic development related to rail transit development. We offer a railroad operations training program and certificate at Sacramento City College, and a variety of courses equipping students for careers in green technologies. We see education as direct contributor to the sustainable economic development for the region, and transit access a key feature to what we provide.

We are real believers in this project and enthusiastically support the application for funding. I urge your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brice W. Harris".

Brice W. Harris
Chancellor