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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 650  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar  
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

I serve on the Policy Steering Committee for the Downtown/Riverfront streetcar on behalf of Pacific Gas & Electric. PG&E's interest in participating stems from interest in the economic development and growth of significant infill areas like the Bridge District and Raley's Landing along the West Sacramento riverfront. In that capacity, we are pursuing green strategies, alternative energy, conservation, and air quality initiatives in support of innovative new development. The streetcar project is an integral part of that strategy – not only is it a beneficial transportation investment, but it serves to support and stimulate the kind of smart growth urban neighborhood that will employ sustainable practices and result in decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

PG&E will also be the electric service provider for streetcar operations on the west side of the Sacramento River, and is committed to providing sustainable energy. PG&E is a leader in delivering some of the nation's cleanest electric power, advocating for regulation of greenhouse gases, investing in renewable energy sources, and supporting our customers through one of the country's most successful energy-efficiency programs. PG&E Corporation's commitment to sustainability and corporate responsibility were recognized this winter by Corporate Knights magazine and Corporate Responsibility Officer magazine, both of which named the utility holding company to their lists of 100 best companies. In 2009, PG&E was also named to two of the prestigious Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI); and is one of only two U.S. utilities selected to the World Index and one of 10 U.S. utilities named to the North America Index.

PG&E is pleased to lend its support for the application, and urge your approval of funding for the first phase of the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar.

Sincerely,

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