



February 5, 2010

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
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Suite 1650
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RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

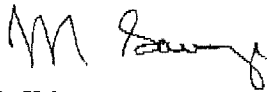
Raley Field has been home to the Sacramento River Cats, the Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, since May of 2000. The River Cats franchise moved to the Sacramento Region a decade ago and has since led all of Minor League Baseball in attendance. Raley Field can accommodate approximately 14,000 fans during baseball games; to ease access to Raley Field on game nights, the River Cats have subsidized high-frequency bus service between downtown Sacramento and Raley Field. In addition to baseball games, Raley Field serves as a venue for a variety of other events. The proposed streetcar line will serve baseball game attendees and provide access to other events that are not currently served by public transit.

Events held at Raley Field range from concerts for top-selling music artists, to food festivals and various other athletic events. The River Cats Foundation Inc., the River Cats 501(c)3 organization, coordinates events at Raley Field such as the annual Winter Wonderland event for children and families in need in the Sacramento Region. Streetcar service will provide a critical connection for non-drivers and choice riders to the diverse event offerings and employment opportunities at Raley Field.

Our organization is also a major investor, landowner, and developer in the Bridge District. We're currently planning an outdoor amphitheatre adjacent to Raley Field that will provide additional space to host music and other events. We believe in the potential for smart growth in this area and view streetcar service as a critical component of the area's development.

We believe that having a variety of transportation options – including streetcar – is a critical feature for our customers and the successful development of the Bridge District. We are pleased to offer our support of this application for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Savage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Savage".

Jeff Savage
Vice President, Business Operations
Sacramento River Cats / Raley Field