



County of Yolo

625 Court Street, Room 204 Woodland, CA 95695-1268 (530) 666-8195

District Office: 500 Triangle Court
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 375-6441 Office
(916) 375-6442 Fax

Mike McGowan
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

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

February 8, 2010

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:

As a Yolo County Supervisor since 1993, former city council member and Mayor of the City of West Sacramento, in addition to serving on the Yolo County Transportation District Board of Directors and representing the YCTD on the Downtown/Riverfront Policy Steering Committee, I believe the Downtown/Riverfront streetcar line will provide a key connection between West Sacramento and downtown Sacramento, and circulation within West Sacramento's urban core.

As exhibited by the City of West Sacramento's approval of a sales tax measure to support streetcar and flood protection, the community strongly supports streetcar service. I believe the Downtown/Riverfront streetcar service will provide a well-utilized mode of transportation that will have immediate and quantifiable congestion and environmental impacts. Streetcar service may also attract nontraditional transit users, thereby exposing them to a viable transportation alternative to driving alone.

This service will ease travel between Yolo and Sacramento counties for both transit dependent and choice riders, thereby easing access to jobs, educational, entertainment and commercial opportunities within the Sacramento Region. In addition, the service will showcase the community's commitment to redevelopment in the urban cores of West Sacramento and Sacramento. Dense development in our urban cores will likely have congestion and air quality benefits and protect area agriculture land from development.

I strongly support the introduction of streetcar service in the Downtown/Riverfront areas and encourage your approval of this application for funding.

Sincerely,

Mike McGowan
Yolo County Supervisor, District 1