

February 4, 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
201 Mission Street Suite 1650
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

Township Nine is a major redevelopment project on an infill site located north of downtown Sacramento in the River District. We are making a financial contribution to Regional Transit's Green Line, which will link Downtown to the River District and is currently under construction and will open later this year. We are investing in building a station at Township 9 and creating a transit-oriented, mixed use office and residential development around it. We are supporting the Green Line with direct investment because we understand that transit like this is an economic development engine. Rail transit adds value to our project and will enhance Township Nine's marketability.

I understand that the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project is seeking an Urban Circulator Grant for Phase I of the project, and I am writing in support of the application. Phase II will connect the streetcar to the Green Line and the existing light rail network which will create a streetcar network to serve the entire urban core. There is a great opportunity to start now with Phase I and work toward linking a variety of destinations in the urban core.

Township Nine, like the Railyards redevelopment area and the Bridge District, received Proposition 1C bond funds from the State of California to support infill infrastructure, transit oriented development, and mixed income housing. In order to fulfill the terms of the grant, each project is obligated to demonstrate substantial progress on developing housing and providing transit service, all within a very short time frame. Investment in the rail transportation network serves all three projects in that regard.

I urge your approval of the application because it's furthering the vision for transit oriented development in the core of the Sacramento region.

Sincerely,



Steve Goodwin
Township Nine