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

**RE: Urban Circulator Program**

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

I am writing to support the Yolo County Transportation District as it applies for funding through the Urban Circulator program to design and construct a Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar line that will connect the City of West Sacramento's Riverfront District to the City of Sacramento's Old Sacramento and Downtown districts. This new fixed guideway capital project would create a needed connection for residents and commuters between three central neighborhood and business districts in the Sacramento Region's core.

The Urban Circulator program's emphasis on livability and sustainability parallels local efforts to better coordinate land-use and transportation planning in the Sacramento Region. While plans such as our Sacramento Region Blueprint – which is widely viewed as a leading regional master plan– are valuable, achieving the desired results depends on regional collaboration and successful project-by-project completion.

The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar line will provide riders in Sacramento and West Sacramento with an affordable, environmentally friendly mode of travel for trips that currently are made primarily by car. Through this planned transportation development, more than 50,000 residents and workers in the Riverfront, Old Sacramento and Downtown districts will be connected and able to live, work and play within a two mile core. There is no doubt in my mind that once such a system is made available it will enhance the livability of the area, support the Sacramento Region Blueprint, and help revitalize Sacramento's core.

I am very pleased with the design and planning of this project and fully support the Yolo County Transportation District's Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project as it applies for funding through the Urban Circulator program. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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