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Dear Mr. Rogoff and Ms. Rogers,

I am writing to express my strongest support for the **Yolo County Transportation District's \$25 million Urban Circulator Grant application**. The funding is for final design and construction of Phase I of the Downtown West Sacramento/Sacramento Riverfront Streetcar Project and purchase of three streetcars.

Outstanding work has been done to advance a mixed-use urban development strategy. New and effective transit services are key to making West Sacramento's strategies work over the long term. Urban Circulator Grant funding will enable the Yolo County Transportation Agency, working in partnership with West Sacramento, Yolo County, Sacramento Regional Transit, the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County to develop a streetcar service that all expect to be popular and well-used.

Reducing the time that commuters spend in their cars is essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Downtown/Riverfront streetcar is integral to improving air quality in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Metropolitan Transportation Plan and is ready to move forward. Existing and planned housing around the streetcar line addresses the fair-share housing needs of the community within the Sacramento Region Blueprint. This truly is smart growth worthy of funding through the Urban Circulator program.

I am pleased to endorse this significant and much-needed project and urge support of the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress

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