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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:

I have served on the Sacramento City Council since 1994, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Sacramento Regional Transit and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, for most of that time. I have also spearheaded the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar since this project was launched in 2005. My colleagues on the City Council share my commitment to improving transit opportunities in this city as a part of the vision of making Sacramento the "most livable city in America," the vision that is also embodied in our recently adopted General Plan.

Enlivening Downtown and expanding transit are critical goals for our City and region, and the proposed streetcar starter system is essential for us to achieve our goals. That's why I am urging you to approve funding for the first phase of the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project. Although there are still outstanding questions to be resolved about financing and a precise alignment for future phases, we are committed to creating a streetcar network in the heart of Sacramento's downtown, and the streetcar starter project is a great way to jump start that effort. We will dedicate our efforts to completing this important link to all the major employment and entertainment destinations, plus the terrific dining and shopping opportunities in great neighborhoods like Midtown and the R Street Corridor. The streetcar system will support new mixed use development in former industrial areas like the Railyards and the Docks, and bring new life to the riverfront, all of which are long-time goals for our community.

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Ultimately, the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar will connect with the city's intermodal center and light rail system, and link up redevelopment and infill opportunity areas that are already zoned and planned for intensive, mixed-use development. This project is the outgrowth not only of the regional Blueprint plan, but of an unusual inter-agency partnership involving two cities and two transit agencies.

Funding this project started is a great way to invest in a community that has enthusiastically embraced the livability and sustainability goals of the grant program. I am most eager to see this project get started, and request your approval of the application. If you have any questions, please contact me at 916-808-7003, or by email at scohn@cityofsacramento.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cohn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

STEVE COHN
Councilmember, District 3