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Mr. Peter Rogoff, Administrator
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Federal Transit Administration
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Mr. Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator
FTA Region IX
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RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

As the largest public transportation service provider in the greater Sacramento Region, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is committed to operating public transit services that best address the varying needs of communities. RT recognized the unique benefits of streetcar service many years ago and has worked to increase awareness of its application since hosting the Capitol Area Streetcar Summit in September of 2005.

RT served as a leader in effort to gain grant funding for the Downtown/Riverfront Initial Feasibility Study in 2006 and contributed STIP funding to the effort. RT also participated in the four-party consortium that pursued the planning and environmental review of the service in 2007 and 2008.

RT's Transit Master Plan contains several streetcar or European Tram style lines that will complement existing and future light rail and bus services, as well as other streetcar lines. The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar service is envisioned to be extended from its initial alignment to provide connections between West Sacramento, the Railyards Redevelopment Area and Midtown Sacramento. The Transit Master Plan calls for additional streetcar service in the urban core of the Sacramento Region, and two other communities. These services will provide transportation links and access to major employment, educational and commercial centers.

In 2009 Regional Transit broke ground on the first phase of the Green Line. The initial segment of the Green Line will serve as an urban circulator. Future streetcar operations will complement the Green Line. RT currently operates

both bus and light rail service and, as such, is well prepared to serve as an operating partner for streetcar service.

We are happy to offer our enthusiastic support for this application for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael R. Wiley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael R. Wiley
General Manager/CEO
Sacramento Regional Transit District