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Mr. Peter Rogoff, Administrator
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Federal Transit Administration
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Washington, DC 20590

Mr. Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator
FTA Region IX
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Suite 1650
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

RE: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar
Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff and Mr. Rogers:

The Sacramento Region is a leader in smart growth initiatives. The award-winning and nationally recognized Blueprint planning process promoted the connection between land use and transportation decisions and won the support of community stakeholders. The introduction of streetcar service between Yolo and Sacramento Counties would serve as a realization of the outcome pursued in the Blueprint planning process.

The Sacramento Region has embraced fixed rail services and will be able to use its experience with light rail service to effectively use and operate streetcar service. The connection provided by the Downtown/Riverfront streetcar line will build upon the Region's existing base of public transit users and attract new users by providing a high-frequency, convenient service to compete with travel by personal automobile. This streetcar line will also further regional goals for improved access and air quality.



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The Downtown/Riverfront streetcar line will provide a high-frequency connection between Yolo and Sacramento Counties that, once connected to light rail and bus services, will greatly ease access to jobs, retail centers and education institutions. As the Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Directors, Board of Director for the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and proponent of smart growth principles, I offer my enthusiastic support of this application for funding.

Sincerely,



ROGER DICKINSON

Chair, Sacramento County Supervisors

Supervisor, District 1