

# WEST SACRAMENTO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

January 30, 2010

Federal Transit Administration  
Attn: Peter Rogoff, Administrator  
East Building  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

The West Sacramento Housing Development Corporation (WSHDC) strongly supports the Yolo County Transportation District's application for Urban Circulator Grant funding for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project. As a local 501(c)3 non-profit housing development corporation, the WSHDC is committed to its mission of providing quality affordable housing to lower-income residents of West Sacramento in developments that are well designed, built, and managed. Since 1994, the WSHDC has built or rehabilitated over 277 units of affordable housing in West Sacramento in 9 housing developments.

Currently, the WSHDC is completing the rehabilitation of 45 units of dilapidated multifamily housing in the vicinity of the streetcar line to provide affordable housing for low and very low-income households. The total investment in this project equals approximately \$6 million. Like many of the residents living in other WSHDC properties, transit-dependent residents of these units represent potential users of the streetcar system to access jobs, amenities, and services in downtown Sacramento and the West Sacramento Civic Center area.

The WSHDC is committed to working with the City of West Sacramento to create new affordable housing opportunities. The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project will allow for greater opportunities near the streetcar line for transit-oriented affordable housing development.

Sincerely,



Paul Kolarik  
WSHDC Executive Director