



January 30, 2010

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:

WALKSacramento is a nonprofit community organization working to improve the walking environment in the Sacramento metropolitan region. We are excited about the prospect of a streetcar network in Sacramento. Often described as "pedestrian accelerators," streetcars fit in well with our goal of creating walkable communities. The streetcar perfectly fits the niche for trips longer than you can walk, but too close to drive. Streetcar will extend the reach of people who walk for many of their daily trips, providing access to multiple destinations linked by safe and attractive pedestrian paths and sidewalks.

We are looking forward to being part of the partnership making streetcar a reality in Sacramento. Walking is an integral, closely related part of every streetcar trip; our missions will overlap as we work together to create mixed use neighborhoods with great facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our work with transportation and land use planners, elected officials and community groups to create safe, walkable environments for all citizens and particularly for children, seniors, the disabled and low-income individuals will contribute to the effort.

We urge your approval of an Urban Circulator Grant for the Downtown/Riverfront streetcar project. This project will improve pedestrian access to many of the major attractions in the Sacramento area: Raley Field, Old Sacramento, the riverfront, and the Tower Bridge among them. We are pleased to support of the application.

Sincerely,

Anne Geraghty, Executive Director
WALK Sacramento