



January 30, 2010

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

RE: Support for Urban Circulator Grant Application

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

As a major property owner and developer in the City of West Sacramento's Bridge District, the Yackzan Group (Bridge District Riverfront, LLC) strongly supports the Yolo County Transportation District's application for an Urban Circulator Grant for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar. Yackzan Group, Inc. is a real estate development firm based in Davis, CA; however for many years our company has appreciated the potential for large-scale urban infill development along West Sacramento's riverfront.

From 1980 to 1998, we acquired large parcels on a riverfront bluff within the Bridge District and have since been an active partner with the City and other area developers in the process of de-industrialization to prepare the district for redevelopment. We have master-planned our riverfront property for the development of several hundred high-density housing units situated in mid to high-rise structures, incorporating retail components and an orientation to the riverfront and the future extension of the Riverwalk park. The first phase of this master plan includes a 100-unit mid-rise multifamily project at the northern edge of our riverfront property, across the street from Raley Field and just south of the Tower Bridge (a project rendering is included with this letter).

One of the most important components of our planned project is the availability of public transportation to support high-density residential development. We expect that most of our residents will work in the immediate area including downtown Sacramento and in West Sacramento. The streetcar project will provide our residents with convenient access to jobs, amenities, and services in downtown Sacramento to the east and the West Sacramento Civic Center to the west. At full build-out, the streetcar will be an integral part of the transit-friendly environment planned for the Bridge District.

We strongly support the grant application for the streetcar project and hope that this critical funding can be secured to advance redevelopment along the riverfront.

Sincerely,


Gregg Herrington
Director of Development



