



LOS ANGELES AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 5, 2016

Carolyn Flowers, Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Federal Transit Administration, Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program**

Dear Ms. Flowers,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 1,650 businesses that collectively employ more than 650,000 people in the L.A. region, I am writing to express our support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's (Sound Transit) proposal for the Federal Transit Administration's Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program.

LA Metro and Sound Transit will be working with various transit agencies- Foothill Transit in the San Gabriel Valley, Access Services (the LA County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency), King County Department of Transportation, Eno Center for Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Center at the University of Washington (TRAC), and Lyft, Inc. to complete this demonstration. LA Metro and Sound Transit are requesting \$400,000 to \$850,000 in funding per agency to achieve their mobility goals.

Demonstration of the pilot program would enhance mobility by improving first and last mile service connections to and from rapid transit stations through a partnership with the transportation network company (TNC) Lyft. LA County is consistently ranked as having some of the worst congestion and air pollution in the country. Traffic congestion severely impacts quality of life, environmental costs, and dampens economic output in the region. By using public transit and shared mobility options, commuters help in reducing congestion, health impacts, and the strain on our transportation network.

The project proposed addresses a critical gap in the LA County transportation system, while meeting the demand in both Los Angeles County and the Puget Sound. Research demonstrates that TNCs can improve mobility by expanding travel choices, reducing car dependency, and promoting public transit service.

For these reasons, we support Metro's endeavor to improve mobility and ease congestion in LA County through the demonstration project proposed and partially funded by the Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben  
President & CEO