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Linda Ford
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Dear Acting Director Ford:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) would be pleased to host a seminar on Civil Rights and Title VI Compliance in Los Angeles County later this year. Given the recent release of the new Title VI guidance and our past interest in hosting such a seminar, we believe moving forward with this type of forum would be timely and provide a helpful public service to those transportation stakeholders, like Metro, which have a strong interest in fully complying with Title VI guidelines.

Specifically, we would appreciate hearing from you on the final updated Title VI circular recently issued by the FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff. It would be our suggestion that transportation stakeholders from throughout not only Los Angeles County, but from throughout the Southern California region, be invited to this seminar. Given the importance of Civil Rights and Title VI Compliance issues, we believe hosting such a forum would provide a valuable public service for transportation providers and stakeholders in Los Angeles County and our broader region.

We hope you will be able to join us for an informative seminar on Civil Rights and Title VI Compliance issues. We are flexible with respect to the date of such a seminar and would be pleased to host the forum at our headquarters.

Please feel free to contact our Federal Affairs Representative for Metro Government Relations, Joshua Englander at (202) 248-5425 or by email at englanderj@metro.net with any questions with respect to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer