

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 17, 2013

The Honorable Peter Rogoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Sylvia Garcia
Acting Assistant Secretary for
Budget/Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Rogoff and Acting Assistant Secretary Garcia:

We are writing to thank you for your leadership in laying out a plan for Federal funding and financing for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) two New Starts subway projects: the Regional Connector and the Westside Subway Extension.

As you know, Los Angeles is the largest American city without a comprehensive subway system. In 2008, the citizens of Los Angeles County voted to change that – passing Measure R, a local sales tax referendum that will produce over \$35 billion for investment in transportation projects over a 30-year period. The Regional Connector and Westside Subway Extension projects are two flagship transit projects to be funded with Measure R funds.

To bring these projects online as expeditiously as possible, LACMTA is seeking Federal loans for these projects through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program and Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs) for both projects through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program. As you know, LACMTA was invited to apply for a TIFIA loan for the Westside Subway in 2011, and the President has proposed New Starts funding for both projects in his FY12, FY13, and FY14 budget submissions to Congress. However, to date, these projects have not been allocated Federal funding or a Federal loan.

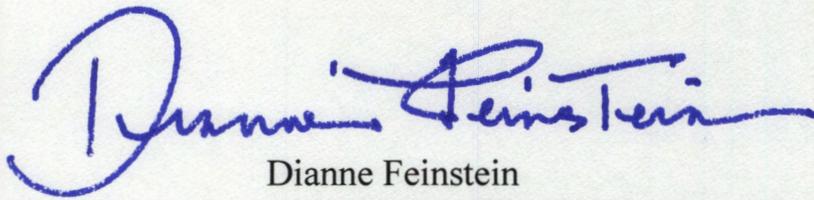
We were therefore very pleased that your March 12, 2013, letter to LACMTA CEO Art Leahy provided clear direction on how LACMTA could advance both projects expeditiously towards TIFIA financing and signed FFGAs by the end of this calendar year. It is our understanding that LACMTA has submitted – or is in the process of submitting – the required documentation laid out

by the letter, and that LACMTA and Department of Transportation staff are in regular contact to keep both projects on track.

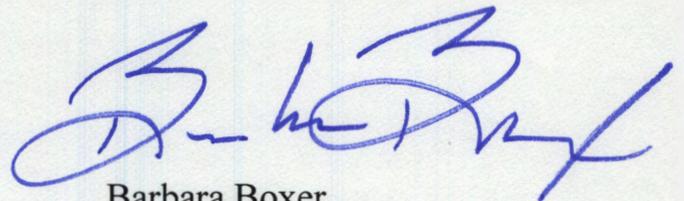
We believe these projects have the potential to improve the lives of millions of Californians by improving mobility, reducing congestion, creating jobs, and strengthening communities; therefore, we very much look forward to receiving regular updates from the Department on the progress towards finalizing the Federal funding and financing plans outlined in your correspondence. Should any issues arise that would jeopardize the completion of the TIFIA loans or the FFGAs for either the Regional Connector or the Westside Subway Extension, we would very much appreciate being informed in a timely manner in order to facilitate effective solutions. Finally, as Congress begins its important work on the FY14 appropriations process, it will be imperative to work closely with you and your offices to obtain the New Starts funding necessary to start these projects in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued support of these important transit projects for the Los Angeles area. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of assistance in this manner.

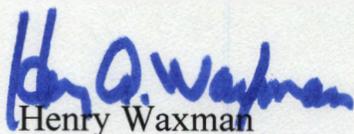
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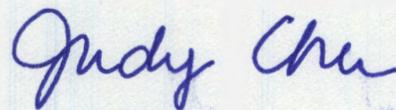
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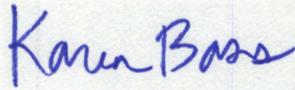
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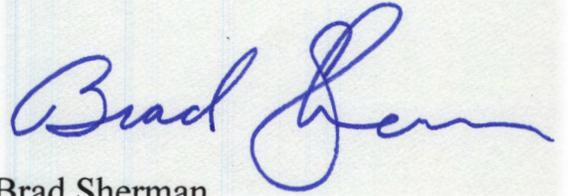
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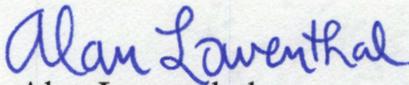
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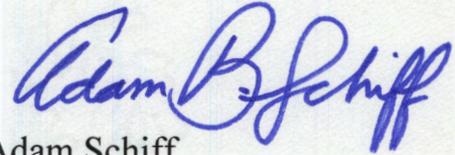
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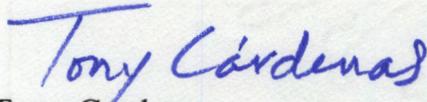
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