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| **Members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation Unite To Support Metro Grant Request**  Twelve members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation have written to the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Administrator Peter Rogoff in support of an Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program Grant submitted by our agency. This grant would help implement a Transit Operations Trainee Program in partnership with the Los Angeles Community College District. If awarded, this grant would support the second phase of the “Metro University: Developing the Next Generation of Transportation Professionals” grant that FTA awarded Metro in 2011. It is estimated that 40% of Metro’s operations current workforce are at least 55 years old, with a majority of them likely to retire in the next five to ten years. The letter, circulated by Rep. Karen Bass (D-33), was signed by Reps. Becerra (D-31), Berman (D-28), Chu (D-32), Hahn (D-36), Richardson (D-37), Roybal-Allard (D-34), Sanchez (D-39), Schiff (D-29), Sherman (D-27), Waters (D-35), and Waxman (D-30). For your review, please find [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120828_Congressional_Correspondance.pdf) a copy of the congressional correspondence. We are deeply appreciative to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation for their strong support for this grant.  [**http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/120828\_Congressional\_Correspondance.pdf**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120828_Congressional_Correspondance.pdf) |
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