

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 23, 2012

Mr. Peter Rogoff, Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C., 20590

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

As Members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, we are pleased to convey our strong support for a grant application submitted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) requesting funding under the Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program.

Metro is requesting \$923,760 to implement a "Transit Operations Trainee Program" in partnership with the Los Angeles Community College District, as well as other in-state and out-of-state partners, including the Denver Regional Transportation District and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority. The total cost to implement this program is \$1,228,760 and Metro, along with its partners, are committed to leverage \$305,000 for a 25% local match.

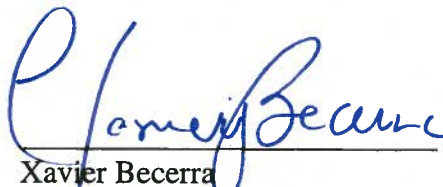
This much needed funding will support the second phase of the "Metro University: Developing the Next Generation of Transportation Professionals" grant that FTA awarded Metro in 2011. It is estimated that 40% of Metro's current operations employees are at least 55 years old, with a majority of them likely to retire in the next five to ten years. This grant is critical to recruiting and training the next generation of transit operators for the 21st Century.

Therefore, we ask the FTA to support Metro's Innovative Transit Workforce Development grant request.

Sincerely,



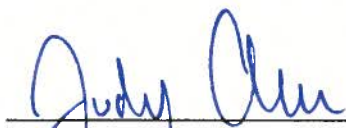
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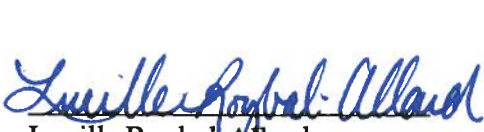
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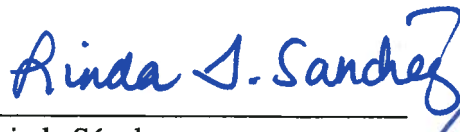
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