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DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

September 30, 2009

Mr. Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator
FTA Region IX
201 Mission Street, Suite 1650
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

RE: Final Design Approval – Tucson Modern Streetcar Project

Dear ^{Leslie} ~~Mr.~~ Rogers:

We were extremely excited to receive your letter approving the City of Tucson's (COT) request to initiate final design (FD) for the Tucson Modern Streetcar project. This Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determination is critically important to keeping this extraordinary project on schedule, moving the project's design and engineering into its final stage, and granting authority to begin procurement of critical path components -- such as the vehicles and rail - as well as the relocation of utilities along the route.

The COT understands that this is the final design phase, and we will continue to work to secure FTA's satisfactory determination of the COT's demonstration of the technical, legal, and financial capability necessary to implement the project in the final construction phase.

To that end, as expected and requested, we will continue to keep FTA informed of the following FD activities in the manner outlined below:

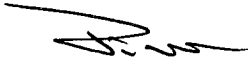
1. Jim Glock, COT Director of Transportation, will update the Project Management Plan to address contracting methods; organizational structure; and project scope, cost, and schedule within the next 10 days, and continuously throughout the FD phase.
2. COT has designated HDR as its Project Management Consultant to provide Senior Scheduler and Cost Estimator services in conjunction with Shellie Gin, COT Senior Project Manager for the Tucson Modern Streetcar.
3. COT will certainly provide quarterly project progress reports to FTA, including the status of the Cushing Street Bridge project and its funding. I will be discussing with your staff the use of federal funds to support its construction in the near future, should local funds become problematic.



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We appreciate the guidance and assistance we have received from you and your staff and we look forward to working closely with you throughout this next phase of the Tucson Modern Streetcar project.

Sincerely,



James W. Glock, P.E., Director
Department of Transportation

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c: Alex Smith, FTA
Gary Hayes, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority
The Honorable Robert Walkup, Mayor, City of Tucson
Richard Miranda, Deputy City Manager, City of Tucson
Mary Okoye, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Tucson
Shellie Ginn, TDOT Project Manager