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January 25, 2010

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: ARRA Funding and Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) project

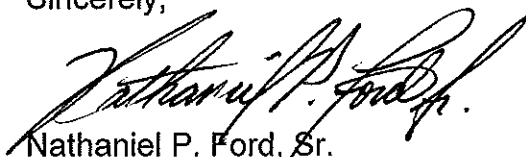
Dear Mr. Heminger,

We have received a copy of Federal Transit Administrator (FTA) Peter Rogoff's letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) that expresses FTA's concerns with the proposed Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) project meeting federal Title VI requirements. Given the attention that FTA's OAC letter is generating, SFMTA is positioning itself to move expeditiously if the Commission opts to release its \$70 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) commitment to the OAC to other ARRA Tier II projects (per MTC Resolution 3885).

The purpose of this letter is not to impugn the OAC project. Rather, San Francisco is sensitive to the risk of the region potentially losing \$70 million of ARRA stimulus funds and is keenly aware of how delicate this issue is for BART, MTC and the region. MTC appropriately anticipated the possibility of such ARRA funds exposure by including a Tier II project list in Resolution 3885.

We understand that the Commission will make a decision on this issue at the January 27, 2010 Commission meeting. If the Commission decides to redirect ARRA funds, the SFMTA will be ready to request that FTA approve the \$17.5 million worth of Tier II projects already on our ARRA grant in order to meet the March 5, 2010 grant award obligation deadline cited in Administrator Rogoff's letter, as well as the June 30 contract award deadline. Please feel free to call me or Sonali Bose, SFMTA Chief Financial Officer, at 415.701.4617 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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