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Re: Request to Support Metrolink's FY 13 Security Grant Applications

Mr. Cavanaugh:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for an application from Metrolink in Southern California for the FY 13 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Transit Security Grant Program to install cameras on passenger cars.

Metrolink is the largest provider of commuter rail in Southern California, covering 512 miles of route-miles. It is a crucial link for connecting the 38 million people living and working in Riverside County, where my district is located, and the surrounding counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura.

Metrolink is also the largest commuter rail service, by geography, in the nation. Security is a top priority for the agency and the placement of cameras on all 250 passenger cars will be an effective way to monitor potential security-threatening activities on trains. Monitoring will be conducted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and can be completed within 24 months. These security cameras are critical to maintaining a secure transit system for the prosperity, safety, and vitality of the region.

I share your commitment to ensuring that our transit systems remain safe and secure for all passengers. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise Rice, Metrolink's Strategic Programming and Development Manager at 213-452-0211 or [ricea@scrra.net](mailto:ricea@scrra.net). Your full and fair consideration of this request with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano  
Member of Congress