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Lorelle Moe-Luna  
Interim Director of Planning  
Riverside Transit Agency  
1825 Third Street  
Riverside, CA 92507

**Subject: Letter in Support of the Project Application for the Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Moe-Luna:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for an application from the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) for the Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities grant program.

The proposed First/Last Mile Transit Mobility Assessment's goal is to evaluate multi-modal connectivity at critical transit facilities such as park and rides, train stations, and transportation centers, and will develop recommendations for addressing first- and last-mile barriers to transit usage. A public participation plan will also be developed that will reach out to commuters enrolled in the Commuter Assistance Program, large employers, non-riders, and commuters on express routes.

The recommendations from this study will enhance transit options in the RTA service area and provide riders with greater mobility to major trip generators and transit hubs. Not only will this boost RTA ridership, it will take cars off the road, improve air quality, and positively impact community health. The Assessment will also be in alignment with the goals and objectives outlined in the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy developed by SCAG.

This assessment will help the Riverside Transit Agency better serve my constituents by helping them to continue to meet the demand for public transportation in my district. 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