



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension project. I also appreciate your call in mid-December about the effect of the timing of the FFGA on the local and State requirements to allow the collection of the voter-approved local sales tax to begin in July 2012.

As we discussed, the U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to seeing that this important public transportation infrastructure project is implemented as expeditiously as possible. As you noted, the project will result in 1,600 project-specific jobs and will provide improved access and connectivity to many of the transit systems in the region. The FFGA has been reviewed by the Administration and was sent to Congress on January 9, 2012, for the statutorily-required 60-day review period. I urge you to encourage your local and State leaders to expedite their required reviews so that the July timeframe for beginning collection of the dedicated tax for operation can be achieved.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Ray LaHood

