

May 26, 2015

Joseph H. Boardman
President and Chief Executive Officer



The Honorable Brian P. Kelly
Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350 B
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Kelly:

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) grant application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Availability for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, a program also referred to as "TIGER Discretionary Grants." This Notice announced the availability of \$500 million to be awarded by the USDOT for infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Amtrak's support relates to the following project:

Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project

It is our understanding that this project, upon completion, has the potential to improve intercity passenger rail service and benefit the Amtrak system. Based on the information made available to us regarding the project's eligibility, and subject to the development of such project-specific agreements as USDOT and Amtrak may require, we support this application as a potential candidate for funding. It is Amtrak's expectation that, prior to the obligation of grant funds for this project, CalSTA and Amtrak will enter into an agreement setting forth our roles and responsibilities with respect to the project, with terms acceptable to Amtrak.

The advancement of projects like this will not only significantly improve our nation's transportation infrastructure but will also contribute to the economic competitiveness of the United States. We appreciate your leadership in filing this application and look forward to working with you on this and future opportunities to improve intercity passenger rail transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph H. Boardman".

Joseph H. Boardman
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation