



May 21, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation, Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to strongly urge your award of two Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) grants to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) *SFGo!* and *SFPark* programs. SFMTA is at the cutting edge with its *SFGo!* and *SFPark* programs - two technology-based efforts that can both be scaled and delivered quickly. Both were favorably reviewed by the Department of Transportation's Urban Partnership Program (UPP) with *SFPark* the recipient of nearly \$20 million in UPP funds.

SFGo! is the City's intelligent transportation management system. It adjusts traffic signals to the current traffic volume on a street and provides faster response to incidents, real-time information on travel conditions and improved coordination between all transportation modes. SFMTA's request for \$23,060,000 in TIGGER funding for *SFGo!* will enable SFMTA to buy needed transit signalization prioritization equipment that will help minimize delays for all modes of transportation in the city. This will also accomplish the TIGGER program objectives: a) reduction in energy consumption; and b) reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with public transportation systems.

Parking is a major concern in San Francisco, and the *SFPark* program promises to decrease parking challenges, improve public transportation's reliability and, as importantly, reduce transit's greenhouse gas emissions. The \$5,900,000 that SFMTA is requesting will allow SFMTA to test, evaluate, and refine new parking management strategies and its technology will enable San Francisco to manage the City's parking supply much more intelligently while allowing transit vehicles to move more freely.

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I thank you for your consideration of the SFMTA's requests for TIGGER funding for its *SFGo!* and *SFPark* programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom
Mayor, City & County of San Francisco

cc: Walter Kulyk: Office of Mobility Innovation, Federal Transit Administration