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Ms. Joni Earl  
Executive Director  
Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority  
401 S. Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington 98104-2826

Re: Approval of Full Funding Grant Agreement for Central Link  
Initial Segment Light Rail Project, Grant No. WA-03-0142-01

Dear Ms. Earl:

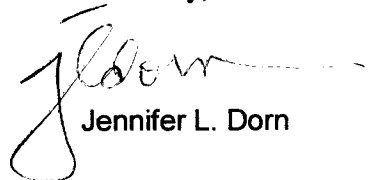
I am pleased to advise you that Sound Transit's application for a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the Central Link Initial Segment Light Rail Project has been approved. This FFGA will provide a maximum of \$500,000,000 of Federal New Starts funds to be matched with \$1,936,900,000 of local funding to total \$2,436,900,000. Prior awards of \$90,971,851 for environmental studies, preliminary engineering, final design and right-of-way acquisition are included in the FFGA total.

The FFGA sets forth the scope of the undertaking that will be constructed using Federal and local funds, and the mutual understandings, terms and conditions that will govern the Project. As you are aware, provisions have been included to address a number of important concerns raised by Chairman Istook. In addition, FTA anticipates working closely with Sound Transit to ensure that potential project risks are appropriately managed and promptly addressed, as we have affirmed to the Chairman. These risks include delays that could result from property acquisition difficulties, as well as possible revenue shortfalls in the event that motor vehicle excise tax funds become unavailable.

Enclosed are copies of the Approved Project Budget and four counterparts of a Notification of Grant Approval executed on behalf of this Administration. Instructions for executing these counterparts also are included. Please note that grant number WA-03-0142-01 should be executed simultaneously in FTA's TEAM System.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that the Initial Link project is successfully completed. If you have any questions on the enclosed grant materials, please contact Richard Krochalis, Regional Administrator, at (206) 220-7957.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Dorn

Enclosures