



CITY OF FULLERTON

Community Development Department

October 10, 2016

The Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: City of Fullerton Response to Grand Jury Report: *"Light Rail: Is Orange County On The Right Track?"*

Dear Judge Margines:

The following is the City of Fullerton's response to the findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury's Report, *"Light Rail: Is Orange County On The Right Track?"* The City of Fullerton was asked to respond to Recommendation R.8.

Grand Jury Recommendation R.8:

"Fullerton should create a link on the city's Website that describes the Fullerton City Council's policy decision process concerning the best transit option to support the College Connector Plan, and then update this Website every three months."

City Response:

On February 18, 2014 the Fullerton City Council received a presentation on the Fullerton College Connector Study, which was a feasibility analysis of the first leg of an urban circulator system connecting the Downtown with the college campuses in Fullerton, and many places in between. The City Council then voted to direct staff to:

- Authorize submission of a request to OCTA to include the College Connector Urban Circulator in the 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan as an "unconstrained" project.
- Direct staff to include a proposal for the next phase in planning and environmental review for City Council consideration in the 2014 CIP review process consistent with the following Guiding Principles: build on the feasibility study, follow OCTA Measure M2 Project S Guidelines and requirements, and follow FTA New Starts/Small Starts funding program guidelines and requirements.

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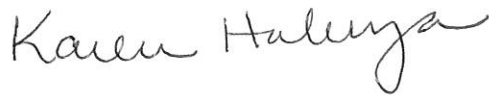


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These actions were taken and the College Connector continues to be carried in the City's annual CIP budget as an unconstrained project contingent upon funding availability. In addition, the City of Fullerton continues to actively plan for multi-modal transportation and was most recently awarded a grant from OCTA for the construction of the Wilshire Avenue Bike Boulevard. The plan for the Bike Boulevard project was recognized by the Orange Section of the American Planning Association with awards of merit for both transportation planning and innovation in green community planning. The City is also partnering with OCTA on a study to redesign the existing multi-modal transportation hub at the Fullerton Train Station, as well as to explore options for increased transit options along the Harbor Corridor. This information is contained on a dedicated portion of the City's website as part of the "Fullerton On the Go" program. Public education is a major component of this program and the website will continue to be updated as new information is available.

The City of Fullerton supports efforts to provide a full range of transit options to its citizens and appreciates the opportunity to respond to this report.

Sincerely,



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