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July 18, 2007

Nancy Wieben Stock Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re:

Response to Grand Jury Report: "Orange County Rail Crossing Safety:

Snapshot of a Process."

Dear Judge Stock,

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury's report, "Orange County Rail Crossing Safety: Snapshot of a Process." In a letter from Mr. Mike Penn, dated May 1, 2007, the City of Fullerton was identified as one of the required respondents to the findings from that report. Acting on behalf of the City Council our responses to cited findings are as follows:

Finding F-2

F-2 reads, "Impacted cities are strongly concerned about noise from OCTA/Metrolink train horns at railroad crossings. The cost of totally eliminating train horns countywide through quiet zone corridor treatments of [sic] could be in the range of \$50-\$60 million."

The City of Fullerton agrees with this finding in terms of the impacts to its residents. The cost of the improvements are considered to be a reasonable estimate, but a detailed analysis and review is not possible without the inclusion of the source material.

Finding F-3

F-3 reads, "It is unclear how the burden of cost for upgraded crossings will be shared by the OCTA and impacted cities."

The City of Fullerton agrees with this finding. It should be noted that OCTA has included an assumed match of 12% from the affected agencies for the phase I railroad crossing safety enhancements program. As such the City of Fullerton has allocated funding in its Capital Improvement Program to provide for this matching threshold.

If you require any additional information, please contact the Director of Engineering, Mr. Donald Hoppe at (714) 738-6864 or at donh@ci.fullerton.ca.us. He will gladly assist you.

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Sincerely,

SHAWN NELSON

Mayor

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