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Deputy Administrator

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Ms. Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan
Executive Director
Transbay Joint Powers Authority
201 Mission Street #2100
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Ms. Ayerdi-Kaplan:

I write to confirm that Secretary LaHood has reserved funds within the overall California allocation of the Department's High Speed Rail grants to provide funding for design and construction of the Transbay Terminal project. The California allocation will be sufficient to provide up to \$400 million to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) for eligible elements of the Transbay Terminal project, subject to completion of the applicable regulatory clearances.

I greatly appreciate the cooperation you are providing us by making your staff and contractors available to assist in our environmental work. I believe that will help to minimize administrative delays and allow construction of the Transbay Terminal project to begin as soon as possible.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Rae".

Karen Rae
Deputy Administrator