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May 26, 1992

Mr. James E. Whalen
Vice President/Operations
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La Jolla, CA 92037

Dear Mr. Whalen:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding MTDB's mid-coast project. I appreciate your concerns and I am glad that you have taken the time to write and express them.

I would like to clarify the MTD Board action taken in March of this year. Although the mid-coast project currently extends as far as North University City, the possibility of extending further north has been preserved by designating alignments in this area as possible future extensions. I refer you to the attached fact sheet on the mid-coast project.

As you may have read, MTDB is experiencing significant funding shortfalls due to the economic recession, and our budget projections indicate we will be facing a 12 to 13 percent budget reduction as a result. The question of project implementation priority will be addressed by the Board in the next few months.

A bright spot on the horizon is the commuter rail project on which we are now working. Our staff estimates that this project will bring rail transit to your area approximately two years after right-of-way negotiations are completed with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. A station in Sorrento Valley is planned as part of this project.

I would certainly encourage your organization to continue to be active participants in the North City Transportation Managment Association (TMA) to help your employees maximize the use of alternative transportation modes for work trips.

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Finally, I would like to point out that circulator bus service between the Sorrento Valley commuter rail station and Sorrento Mesa area (routes 961/962) is included in the current Short Range Transit Plan for 1996, funding permitting. If Newland California is interested in additional information or participating in that project, I would suggest you contact Mr. Dennis Wahl, project manager for the mid-coast project.

Thank you, again, for your letter. I hope you will contact me if my staff or I may be of service to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Leon L. Williams
Supervisor, Fourth District

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cc: Dennis J. Wahl