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Dear Mr. ~~Franchini~~ *Miller*:

During the development of the 2013-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), CDTA discussed our off-board fare collection project. At that time, it was determined that off-board fare collection would be eligible for funding under TIP Project RG28-ITS. This project also had standing on the 2010-15 TIP as T82, which was a drawdown in RG 28.

Our successful Bus Rapid Transit (BusPlus) project along the Route 5 corridor serves as the catalyst to the next logical step in BRT, a comprehensive off-board fare collection system. Off-board fare collection uses, among other technologies, contactless smart cards to make cashless payments. This reduces bus idle time, overall travel time, and encourages people to use this service. This technology increases the efficiency of our system, while at the same time, decreasing our impact to the environment. Since this project is transformative in providing unprecedented convenience to customers, and helping CDTA to continue to support environmentally friendly initiatives, we plan to implement the off-board fare collection throughout our system.

The total project cost is approximately \$8 million. We have \$5.5 million available, which will enable us to carry out 70% of the project. The additional funds will enable the project to be fully implemented.

Consistent with Item RG28 on the TIP, which stipulates that "drawdowns from this set-aside must consist of a new TIP project", we are requesting a portion of \$2.5 million (see proposed amendment). Implementation of the project will begin this September and is scheduled to be complete by June 2015. Due to the length of the project, we make this amendment request to the TIP in support of this project. In the event that a solicitation is conducted for other ITS set-aside funding, we will submit a request to fund the remainder of the project at that time.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding our request.

Cordially,

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## TIP SET-ASIDE

TIP Project	Phase	Current TIP data			Proposed TIP data		
		Amount	Source	Fund Year	Amount	Source	Fund Year
T82: Off-Board Fare Collection System(drawdown on RG28)							
	F	NA	NA	NA	\$0.48	CMAQ	2013-14
	F	NA	NA	NA	\$0.27	NHPP	2014-15

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision):

yes  no  X  NA

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RG28: ITS Implementation Set-Aside							
RG 28	C	\$0.48	CMAQ	2013-14	\$0.00	CMAQ	2013-14
RG 28	C	\$1.094	NHPP	2014-15	\$0.824	NHPP	2014-15

Note: All other remaining phases in the current TIP will remain the same.

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision):

yes  no  X  NA