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Craig Smith, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your letter of January 21, 2010, requesting support for Martz's proposal to receive FTA Section 5307 funding. Presently, this funding for the metropolitan Washington region is not exclusively for Metro, but is shared by several public entities, so your request is a regional matter. As such, it has been discussed on several occasions at meetings of the Technical Committee of the Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

In your letter to us, you characterize the Martz proposal as "win-win." Section 5307 funding is very important to Metro and the jurisdictions that provide funding for Metro. A "win" for Metro would be increased funding, and certainly would not be any loss of funding. Before Metro could support such a proposal, it would need to be assured that this proposal and any similar subsequent proposals by other private companies would not result in any reduction of funding to Metro.

Based on the research that has been conducted by TPB staff, it is our understanding that, should Martz receive any 5307 funds, it would be necessary for a public body to be responsible for Martz's compliance with federal requirements. That is a responsibility that Metro does not want to assume.

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Should Martz decide to pursue this further, it would be beneficial to develop assurances that the existing public bodies that receive 5307 funding would not have their funding reduced.

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