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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chair, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

On behalf of Valley Metro, I write to commend you and your staff on the creation of H.R. 2, the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act" (INVEST in America Act). This bill will improve mobility in the fast-growing greater Phoenix area and around the nation.

The INVEST in America Act supports Valley Metro's mission to provide integrated mobility solutions that connects communities and enhances lives. In addition to the \$105 billion for public transportation, I also write in support of an amendment sponsored by Congressman Greg Stanton of Arizona that would increase the federal share for smaller Capital Investment Grants projects like the Tempe Streetcar project.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and its staff as H.R. 2 advances through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Smith Chief Executive Officer

c: U.S. Representative Greg Stanton, 9th District, Arizona