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Mr. Bruce Rizzieri
Director
City of Albuquerque Transit Department (ABQ Ride)
100 1st Street SW
Albuquerque NM 87102

Re: Albuquerque Rapid Transit Corridor Project Request for a Letter of No Prejudice to Commence Construction Activities

Dear Mr. Rizzieri:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the letter from the City of Albuquerque Transit Department (ABQ Ride), dated May 10, 2016, requesting a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) to incur costs of \$59,000,000 to commence early construction activities for the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) Corridor bus rapid transit project.

With this approval, ABQ Ride may incur costs for the project as described in the request and retain eligibility of those expenditures for future FTA grant assistance. As with all pre-award authority, all Federal requirements must be met prior to incurring costs in order to retain eligibility of the costs for future FTA grant assistance. The authority to incur costs provided in this letter does not constitute an FTA commitment that future Federal dollars will be approved for the project. This LONP expires five years from the date of this letter, or upon approval of a construction grant agreement for the project, whichever occurs first.

Please contact Mrs. Cheryle Tyson at (817) 978-0568 with any questions you may have about proceeding under the authority to incur costs provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Patrick
Regional Administrator