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Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 6:43 PM
To: Comati, Byron S
Cc: Coker, Marion M; Johanson, Erik S
Subject: Re: FW: CAC letter

Hi Byron:

Thanks for working on this. If there are no privacy or intellectual property issues, the CAC exec committee would still like to review a summary of the application. We don't have to have it online, we could take 30 mins to review a hard copy and hand back to staff. Reviewing a summary would help exec members articulate the proposal highlights to the membership body.

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From: Aissia Richardson [aissia.richardson@gmail.com]
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Thanks for getting back to me on this.

On Mon, Aug 9, 2010 at 2:41 PM, Comati, Byron S <BComati@septa.org> wrote:
Aissia: Great letter of support....although one phrase is problematic:

The CAC strongly supports improvements in fare collection and looks forward to being an "important voice in the design selection process"

Although it is accurate to say that the CAC will have input into the consideration of design features which the contract awarded Vendor/Implementation Team would be managing, most design features are already in the Scope of work.

In addition, the CAC does not have a seat at the RFP selection committee table. The phrase suggests otherwise, which may be mis-interpreted.

I would respectfully suggest that the this alternative language be substituted for perhaps something a little broader: "important Stakeholder voice for the advancement of the overall project" ... but other language could work.

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Subject: Re: FW: CAC letter

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August 23, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood

Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Application for TIGER Funding

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is pleased to support SEPTA's application for funding under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants process. The application, entitled "SEPTA-TRAIN: Transforming Regional Access to an Integrated Network," will deliver direct benefits to SEPTA, its customers, and the Greater Philadelphia region. The CAC supports activities that increase interoperability and seamless use of the transit system.

The CAC is an independent body of citizens appointed variously by the Mayor of Philadelphia, the SEPTA General Manager, and the county commissioners within SEPTA's service area. We convene three times each month to directly advise SEPTA on issues ranging from service performance to fares and general finances.

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Sincerely,

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