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Honorable Kasim Reed
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November 19, 2014

Re: Follow-up to the November 14, 2014 Letter on the Atlanta Streetcar

Dear Mayor Reed:

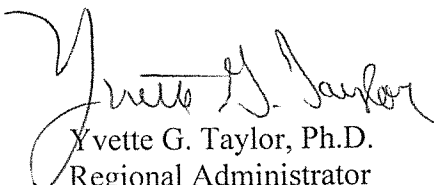
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) appreciates your response to our November 7, 2014 letter in which we outlined some of the identified project challenges and several of our concerns. However, several specific and critical clarifications and requests remain unanswered in your response. The FTA remains concerned that numerous safety related tasks have yet to be completed, and safety documents are still being revised or have outstanding comments that need to be addressed. We have directed our staff to communicate separately with the City of Atlanta and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (Partners) and GDOT so they can be resolved.

It is imperative that the Partners develop a realistic master schedule and a dynamic process that clearly outlines when all documents will be delivered. This schedule should include adequate review times for both FTA and GDOT, incorporating time for comments to be addressed. Once this master schedule is developed, a realistic revenue service date can be established.

We want to reiterate that until such time as these requirements are addressed, and findings resolved, we cannot support the opening of the service for revenue/passenger operations. We share your stated commitment to Safety and Security as your number one priority, and as a result, agree that the Partners will not move forward until the project meets the necessary FTA and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requirements for safety certification, technical capacity and operational readiness.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly at with questions or concerns about this matter.

Best regards,



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