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Dear Grantees:

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Senior Advisor Carolyn Flowers assumed leadership of the FTA effective April 2, 2016. Ms. Flowers will take on the decision-making duties of Therese McMillan, whose last day as FTA Acting Administrator was April 1.

“Carolyn Flowers has already proven herself a capable leader at FTA, bringing a depth of passion and expertise to the agency from her extensive experience in the transit industry and in the private sector,” said Secretary Foxx. “Carolyn’s executive leadership ability will position the FTA for continued success as it continues to help communities across America provide safe, accessible public transportation.”

Flowers joined the FTA in January 2015 as Senior Advisor to Acting Administrator McMillan, after a decades-long career in the public and private sector, primarily at local transit agencies in North Carolina and California. In Charlotte, as chief executive of the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) from 2010-2015, Flowers led the agency as it developed major light rail and streetcar projects in the midst of an economic downturn. Previously, she spent nearly 20 years in a variety of leadership and management roles at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), including serving as Chief Operating Officer (COO).

“I am honored to be able to lead the FTA at such an important time for public transportation,” said Flowers. “I look forward to working closely with Secretary Foxx and all my colleagues at FTA to fulfill our critical mission supporting America’s growing public transportation system.”

Flowers will lead the FTA as it takes on several major initiatives in addition to the agency’s core duties of funding and overseeing public transportation projects and providers nationwide. A top priority will be to continue to deliver FTA’s safety oversight program, which will issue several major rulemakings and related guidance during 2016.

A Los Angeles native, Flowers holds a BA and MBA from the University of California – Los Angeles.

Please contact Region 8 at 303-362-2400 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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