



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

I am pleased to present the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Annual Report on New Starts*, which includes recommendations regarding the allocation of Fiscal Year 2007 funds for new fixed guideway systems and extensions. This report is submitted in response to the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309(k)(1).

An identical letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the report have also been provided to the House and Senate Transportation Subcommittees.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Y. Mineta", is written over a large, stylized, circular flourish that extends from the signature down to the printed name below it.

Norman Y. Mineta

Enclosure