



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Chairman, Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 Ranking Member 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, which appears to read 'Norman Y. Mineta', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Norman Y. Mineta

Enclosure