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Re: New Jersey Transit Corporation, Access to the Region's Core

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday. I write to confirm that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will meet with you on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the headquarters building of the U.S. Department of Transportation, to discuss your multiple requests for documents on behalf of your client, the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT); tentatively, we have scheduled the meeting for 1:00 p.m. At your request, FTA has extended the deadline for NJT's response to the FTA demand letter of November 24, 2010, to Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Further, FTA has agreed that this extension of the deadline for an NJT response to the November 24, 2010, demand letter will not affect any calculation of interest or penalties on FTA's claim against NJT. During the meeting next Tuesday we can discuss whether FTA should grant NJT a further extension beyond the two extensions FTA has already granted.

Let me note, however, that pursuant to the FTA Order 2060.1A, which sets forth the agency's procedures for debt collection, the FTA Associate Administrator for Budget and Policy cannot allow a debtor more than sixty days from the date of a demand letter to respond to the demand letter. *See*, section 7(c)(4)(b) of FTA Order 2060.1A. Thus, FTA is not at liberty to extend the deadline for your response beyond January 24, 2011.

I will call you on Monday, January 10, to confirm the time and participants in the meeting of Tuesday, January 11.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Biehl
Deputy Chief Counsel

cc: Robert J. Tuccillo