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RE: Transbay Transit Center Peer Review

Dear Mayor Breed and Mayor Schaaf:

Thank you for your letter of October 4<sup>th</sup> about the current closure of the new Transbay Transit Center. At your request, we have initiated an independent peer review of “the cause of the cracked beams and the plans to make repairs.” Our review will be expeditious, but it will be thorough. The owner/operator of the facility – the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) – has assured us of its full cooperation with the inquiry.

We have assembled a nationally-recognized panel with expertise in steel structures, fracture mechanics, and metallurgy. We have confirmed participation from the six individuals listed below:

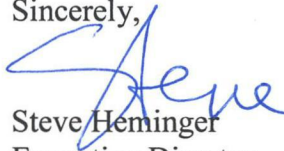
- Michael D. Engelhardt Ph.D., P.E. Professor, Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and Director of the Ferguson Structural Engineering Laboratory (Chair)
- Ewa Z. Bauer-Furbush, P.E. District Engineer at Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
- John W. Fisher, PhD. Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering at Lehigh University and director emeritus of the ATLSS Engineering Research Center
- Brian Kozy, PhD., P.E., Principal Engineer at the Federal Highway Administration
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- Robert E. Shaw, Jr., P.E., President of the Steel Structures Technology Center and member of the D1 Structural Welding Committee at the American Welding Society

Over the course of the panel's work, we will ensure that you receive regular updates. The panel will produce a final report for presentation to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and TJPA. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc:

Jake MacKenzie, Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
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