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SUBJECT: Reduction in Capitol Corridor Delay-Minutes at Suisun Rail Drawbridge

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Dear Captain McIsaac:

On behalf of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous progress that has been achieved in reducing delay minutes to the Capitol Corridor passenger trains from the lifting of the Suisun Bay Rail Drawbridge.

In March of 2013 a new joint program was launched between the San Francisco Bar Pilots, Union Pacific, Amtrak and Capitol Corridor to identify the most opportune times to successfully move marine traffic under the raised Suisun Bay Bridge while taking into full consideration currents, tide levels and other marine traffic, etc., while incurring the least amount of delay to the Capitol Corridor trains.

The results of implementing this revised protocol have been immediate and positive. I am pleased to report that this effort by the San Francisco Bar Pilots, with the assistance of the Union Pacific Bridge Tenders, has resulted in a 36% percent decrease in delays to Capitol Corridor passenger trains passing over the Suisun Bay Bridge between March and August in 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012.

The cooperation on the part of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and the Union Pacific Railroad has been noticed by the Capitol Corridor passengers who are most grateful. This collaboration has also helped keep the Capitol Corridor as the number one rail passenger service in the nation for on time train performance in the Amtrak system!

The CCJPA is grateful for the partnership between our agency and the SF Bar Pilots, Amtrak and the UPRR. We look forward to continued success in this ongoing effort.

Sincerely,

David B. Kutrosky  
Managing Director

cc: CCJPA Board of Directors  
Shane Keller, Regional Vice President – West, Union Pacific Railroad  
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