Documentation of Oral Communications From Registered Lobbyist Concerning Policy Matters Related to the Recovery Act

This notification is made pursuant to Sections 3(d)-(e) of the Presidential Memorandum For Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies dated March 20, 2009, entitled *Ensuring Responsible Spending of Recovery Act Funds*. At the outset of the oral communications concerning the Recovery Act, individuals or parties appearing or communicating were asked if any of them were lobbyists registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act. The registered lobbyists appearing or communicating were informed that DOT OIG officials would discuss <u>policy matters only</u> and that DOT OIG employees would have no oral communications concerning particular projects, applications, or applicants for funding under the Recovery Act. The registered lobbyists were informed that they could provide written communications concerning particular projects, applications, or applicants for funding under the Recovery Act, which we would publicly post on our Recovery Act webpage.

Date	Time (start to end)	Registered Lobbyists (name and employer)	DOT OIG Employees (names and titles)
06/11/09	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Robert L. Healy, Jr., American Public Transportation Association (APTA)	Kenneth Prather, Program Director Rafael Nieto, Management Analyst

Short Description of Substance of Oral Communications

When scheduled (if unscheduled, state "Unscheduled")

Meeting scheduled via e-mail 06/10/09

In-person or telephonic communication (if other, describe)

Meeting in-person at American Public Transportation Association office,

1666 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

OIG Audit or project number (w/ hyperlink if available)

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DOT Mode and Program

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Program: Federal Transit Administration(FTA); Federal Railroads Administration (FRA)

Subjects raised during oral communications and concise summary

OIG discussed with APTA its members' experiences with DOT modes' implementation of ARRA, including successes, challenges, implementation of reporting requirements, capacity to execute both ARRA projects and ongoing programs, and possible improvements. OIG also heard APTA's views on challenges that ARRA brings to the industry.