

February 11, 2009

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
RE: Docket No. 08-ALT-1  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear CEC Advisory Committee:

My office listened remotely, via WebEx, to the CEC workshop in San Jose on February 11, 2009 regarding the Investment Plan for Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.

Thank you for the excellent public outreach your agency is providing on the critical components of implementing AB118. Per your suggestion, I am submitting my comments in writing for your consideration.

I believe Unimodal Inc, SkyTran, is a perfect candidate for AB118 funding. On January 27, 2009 the Marin County Board of Supervisors sent a letter (copy enclosed) of interest to Unimodal, Inc inviting them to begin discussions with Marin County for a SkyTran pilot project with the expectation that, if successful, SkyTran could be used throughout the County as a connector to the SMART train that was passed by the voters last November and our existing Golden Gate Bridge and Marin Transit District bus services.

Marin County has been in communication with Unimodal, Inc since 2007 and is pleased to see the tremendous progress they have made since our initial discussions. We were excited by the fact that once they have an approved project, they are prepared to be up and running in a time period of only eighteen months.

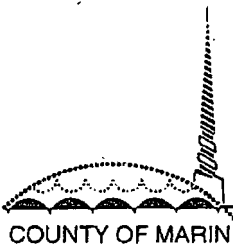
I have also enclosed letters of support for a Marin SkyTran pilot project from Assemblyman Jared Huffman and Senator Mark Leno.

As I mentioned, Marin County believes Unimodal, Inc is a perfect candidate for AB118 funding, and we look forward to working with the CEC to make that a reality. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 499-7331 if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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Judy Arnold  
Marin County Supervisor



# THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIN

January 27, 2009

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Christopher Perkins CEO  
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Dear Mr. Perkins:

Marin County is urgently developing strategies to reduce the use of private automobiles that create serious traffic congestion, as well as the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in our county, by providing attractive public transit alternatives.

One strategy that has been discussed is the potential deployment of personal rapid transit (PRT), specifically the development of a SkyTran PRT Initial Operating Segment (IOS) that would provide connectivity with existing and future transit to demonstrate the efficacy and convenience of this innovative technology.

A committee of Marin citizens interested in PRT has identified at least four potential IOS locations, including one which would be a connector between the Marin County Civic Center and a planned rail system (SMART). The IOS could demonstrate the viability of a system that would eventually integrate more comprehensively with other transit options countywide to serve commercial, retail, residential, government and entertainment centers.

Marin County welcomes private investment in exploring a SkyTran pilot system. In working with Unimodal, the County of Marin would provide the right-of-way for appropriate County-owned land the pilot project ran through and help Unimodal with the process of obtaining any necessary permits. The County is also in discussion with relevant State of California agencies to obtain grant funding that could help finance the IOS.

As a next step, we request that Unimodal submit details of its qualifications, capabilities and strategy of deploying a pilot system in Marin with a focus on the following issues:

1. Overview of technology architecture
2. SkyTran's uniqueness compared to other PRTs
3. Details of Unimodal's partnerships/consortium members and other partners
4. Project plan phasing of implementation
5. Capacity of the proposed pilot segment
6. Financing and commercial structuring of the project, including any operating costs once constructed.

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Upon submission of the above information by Unimodal, Marin will work on the following tentative action plan:

1. Review response and invite Unimodal to participate in meetings to obtain County and public feedback and clarifications
2. If an implementation plan is finalized including deployment, operational, financial, legal and all other aspects, the County will work on the following:
  - a. Implementation of IOS at the selected location
  - b. Required environmental review to build project
  - c. Coordinate appropriate county agencies to prepare a feasibility study and economic plan to determine possibility an expanded network
3. Develop a process where, upon successful completion and operation of the IOS and the study to determine any appropriate expansion of a SkyTran network, the County would consider Unimodal to implement the larger network.

In California, Marin County has played a leadership role in its application of green technology. We are interested in working with private industry to bring innovative technology like SkyTran PRT to our County not only to improve transportation options but also to create new economic opportunities.

We look forward to making Marin a center of innovative transportation.

Sincerely,

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Harold Brown  
President, Marin County Board of Supervisors

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January 21, 2009

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Request for Pilot project with SkyTran

Dear President Brown and Supervisors:

I am pleased to endorse the request of the Marin County Board of Supervisors to Unimodal to construct a pilot of SkyTran in Marin, and I am willing to work with you and Unimodal to secure funds to support the pilot project.

Under your leadership and with the support of the community, Marin County continues to be a leader in green innovation, and I am proud to represent you in the State Assembly.

Best wishes,

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**JARED HUFFMAN**  
Assemblymember, 6th District

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# California State Senate

SENATOR  
MARK LENO  
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



January 20, 2009

To: Marin Board of Supervisors  
From: Senator Mark Leno  
Re: Support for Unimodal Pilot Project

I am delighted to support the request before your Board to send a letter to Unimodal asking them to initiate a demonstration project in Marin.

California is determined to find new ways to replace our reliance on automobiles. Marin had made an excellent start with the passage of SMART and bringing in SkyTran to enhance existing and future transit is an exciting idea.

Please know that I stand ready to offer any help I can in bringing SkyTran to Marin, and I applaud your Board for its innovative work.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Leno", written in a cursive style.

MARK LENO  
Senator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District