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Mr. Homer T. McCrary
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Re: The McCrary Personal Transport System (PTS)

Dear Bud,

Your presentation on the McCrary Transportation System was very interesting. Here are a few comments:

- The System Concept – clearly defined and addresses many issues in personal transportation. Your videotape was great – highly professional and gets the concept across very neatly.
- The Track System – clever and appears to be engineered for safety, efficiency and low cost. Also, there is probably an abundance of patent-worthy ideas in this part of the system alone. I found its construction method to be very attractive.
- The Personal Transportation Vehicle – defining a vehicle that can serve the dual purpose of personal automobile for street travel and an automatically controlled vehicle for constant speed, high speed, PTS roadway may also be applicable for commercial vehicles carrying cargo as well such as pickup trucks or vans. Lowelston in England faces the same challenge. Working with him might be mutually advantageous.
- I believe you already have a copy of my presentation on “Future Mobility”. On page 7b it notes that PRT is the “obvious solution to the stretch goals”. Page 7c notes that “I was subsequently surprised by the universal lack of interest in the PRT subject”.

The present political climate is not very compatible with the pursuit of systems that offer huge long-term benefit but that are substantially different from the entrenched transportation and energy industries and their customer bases. Perhaps the only possible route is to plan and execute a small system that meets an obvious need. In the next few weeks I will be seeing some senior industrial, policy, and government individuals who may exhibit more enthusiasm for PRT than has been evident in the past.

The bottom line is I think some PRT, and perhaps your version of it, is essential if we are to handle our transportation – energy – pollution challenges effectively. I just don’t know how to

go about getting it really moving. We don't even have time to help because we have so many higher priority programs where the route to large operational success is more obvious. I have a personal interest that will keep me watching the field.

You had mentioned that you would like to see PTS put to use to solve a problem traffic corridor such as the Santa Cruz to San Jose corridor. I think the PTS is a good concept and should be explored by the State of California and US Department of Transportation. Perhaps we can help them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

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