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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC, 20590

Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RAISE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR US 101/SR 92 AREA IMPROVEMENT AND MULTIMODAL PROJECT

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of San Mateo, I write in support of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's application for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to help fund the United States Highway 101 and State Route 92 (US 101 /SR 92) Area Improvement and Multimodal Project. This project is co-sponsored by the City/County Transportation Authority of San Mateo County.

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange is an essential connection to the San Francisco Airport, South San Francisco biotech industries, the Silicon Valley as well as major East Bay destinations. Under normal conditions, over 345,000 vehicles travel through this interchange each day, which is consistently identified as the worst interchange in the County in terms of congestion and extended delays.

Throughout the Bay Area, we are seeing a return to pre-pandemic levels of traffic, where heavy traffic volumes and inadequate capacity at this interchange can cause traffic to slow to as little as seven miles per hour during both the morning and afternoon peak periods. These delays often result in miles of traffic in multiple directions as well as significant congestion on our local streets.

The RAISE grant funding will help fund construction activities related to the realignment of the 101/92 Interchange, implementation of dedicated bicycle facilities and pedestrian access improvements in the area, as well as construction of a transit mobility hub. The project will ease congestion by improving traffic flow, reduce hazardous vehicle weaving incidents, improve safety conditions and local connections to and from the highway. The proposed bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements, and new transit mobility hub aim to support commute alternatives and improve local access for all modes of transportation. The expected increase in the use of sustainable modes of travel, namely walking; cycling and use of transit, also help reduce GHG emissions and improve overall quality of life.

As we all work together to improve our highway system, move more people in fewer vehicles, help reduce carbon emissions and ease congestion, we understand the long-term benefits this regionally significant project could bring San Mateo County and the entire Bay Area. We hope you will prioritize it for RAISE Grant funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla
Mayor