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The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Representative Speier:

On behalf of the City of San Mateo, I write in support of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)'s Community Project Funding Request for the United States Highway 101 and State Route 92 (US 101/SR 92) Area Improvement and Multimodal Project (as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process). The interchange is located in the cities of Foster City and San Mateo in San Mateo County.

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange is an essential connection to the San Francisco Airport, South San Francisco biotech industries, 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. 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.

Your support will help fund construction related to the realignment of the 101/92 Interchange, implementation of dedicated bicycle facilities and pedestrian access improvements in the area, as well as a transit mobility hub. The project aims to ease congestion by improving traffic flow, reducing hazardous vehicle weaving incidents, and improving safety conditions and local connections to and from the highway. The proposed bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements, and new transit mobility hub will 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 to 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 greatly appreciate SMCTA and C/CAG's sponsorship of this regionally significant project. We hope you will prioritize it for funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla, Mayor