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The Honorable Mitch Weiss  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

On behalf of the City of San Mateo, I write in support of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2022 application for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Funding to help support construction of the United States Highway 101 and State Route 92 (US 101 /SR 92) Area Improvements and Multimodal Project. This project is being completed in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG).

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange, located in the heart of San Mateo County, 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.

This critical state assistance will help fund construction activities related to the realignment of the US 101/SR 92 Interchange, implementation of fully separated all ages and abilities bicycle facilities and pedestrian access improvements in the area, as well as construction of the first major transit mobility hub in the County. 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 a shift to healthier, active transportation options 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 highway safety, 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 SB 1 funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla

Mayor

City of San Mateo, California