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Warren Slocum
Supervisor, Fourth District

April 30, 2020

Mr. Tony Tavares, District 4 Director
California Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 23660
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Re: SM 101 Express Lanes Project

Dear Director Tavares:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank you for your leadership in maintaining and improving our Bay Area's roadway network, especially during the challenges we are facing during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We also wish to commend you on the decision to accelerate the District 4 Alemany Project in San Francisco during the current shelter-in-place order to take advantage of the lighter traffic. Your team has made excellent progress on the project thus far.

In light of the shelter-in-place order that was issued by the Bay Area counties since mid-March, we appreciate that Caltrans deemed the construction work as essential for the San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project (Project) within the context of the order. We understand that Caltrans has already worked with the San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project (Project) contractor Kiewit to adjust the construction hours and lane closures for the Project due to the low traffic volumes. The night-time construction window has since been extended from a start time of 9pm to 7pm, and the end time was extended to 6:30am from 6am. We commend Caltrans and Kiewit for reaching the agreement to take advantage of the current situation.

As you may know, San Mateo County has now extended the existing shelter-in-place through May 31. The revised order can be found here: [San Mateo County Health Order No. c19-5c \(REVISED\)](#). In light of this, we would like to urge Caltrans to work with the Project contractor to further take advantage of the anticipated and continued light traffic volume in the extended County order, and to further accelerate project construction by taking advantage of additional construction windows. We believe doing so will likely benefit the project timeline, and thereby reduce the impact to local and regional travelers in the overall project schedule.

We like to thank you in advance for considering the County's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Warren Slocum".

Warren Slocum
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority
City/County Association of Governments