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June 25, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL AND U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

To: Emily Beach, Chair
Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: City of South San Francisco Ferry Project

Dear Chair Beach,

Amgen is one of the world's leading biotechnology companies, deeply rooted in science and innovation to transform new ideas and discoveries into medicines for patients with serious illnesses. Amgen is also deeply rooted in South San Francisco, currently with over 400 biotechnology professionals on staff and concrete plans to expand into a new facility already under construction, and likely to expand to over 650 employees.

Central to our success, and to the quality of life for our employees, is the development of efficient transit to South San Francisco. We are appreciative of the efforts to improve Caltrain service, an absolute necessity. Expansion of ferry service to Oyster Point is also needed, enhancing the water transit option which is popular with our employees.

The City of South San Francisco is growing rapidly, with thousands of new biotechnology and tech jobs expected within the next few years. The current COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed this anticipated growth, and in fact, the current crisis may spur an increase in life science research and create more related jobs in South San Francisco.

Amgen is pleased to support further study and analysis of the expansion of ferry service in South San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Flavius Martin, Vice President Oncology & Inflammation, and Amgen South San Francisco Site Head

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CC: Mike Futrell, City Manager, City of South San Francisco



July 1, 2020

Emily Beach, Chair
Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: City of South San Francisco Ferry Project

Dear Chair Beach,

I am writing to express Biocom's support for the City of South San Francisco's request for a feasibility study concerning expanded water taxi service to Oyster Point.

Biocom is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector. We work on behalf of more than 1,300 members to drive public policy, build a network of industry leaders, create access to capital, introduce STEM education programs, and create value-driven purchasing programs. Biocom delivers the strongest public voice to research institutions and biotechnology companies that fuel the local and state-wide economy; in 2019 alone, the industry provided 1.4 million jobs and economic activity generating a total of \$372 billion in California.

Biocom has a strong presence in South San Francisco, representing hundreds of local biotechnology companies and thousands of their associated workers. Biocom's office serving our Bay Area members is located in South San Francisco, in Genesis Towers. Traffic is a major concern for our members, and they support traffic mitigation via thoughtful transit improvements, including expansion of ferry service to South San Francisco. Existing ferry service offers limited routes and increasing service can enhance commuting options for the substantial workforce traveling between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Oyster Point.

The City of South San Francisco is growing rapidly, with thousands of new biotechnology and related jobs expected within the next few years. The current COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed this anticipated growth, and in fact, the current crisis may spur an increase in life science research resulting in additional jobs in South San Francisco.

Biocom supports further study and analysis of the expansion of ferry service in South San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Jackson, Senior Vice President & Chief Policy Officer
Biocom

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