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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1499 (Daly) Design-Build – SIGNATURE REQUEST

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in **SUPPORT** of AB 1499 (Daly) and request that you please **SIGN** this bill at the appropriate time. This bill would extend the January 1, 2024 sunset date for the utilization of the design-build procurement method for projects on or adjacent to the state highway system to January 1, 2034.

The use of design-build procurement as a project delivery tool has demonstrated significant schedule and cost savings. Allowing sponsoring transportation agencies to combine design and construction activities, utilizes resources more efficiently while saving the public time and limited funding resources.

Currently, up to 10 projects statewide are authorized for using design-build approach. This procurement method could provide another tool that may allow our agency, in coordination with Caltrans, to pursue other high-priority highway projects in the San Mateo County region.

The enactment of SB1, approval of local sales tax measures, and receipt of federal stimulus funds, has increased the need for maintaining procurement methods that will help expedite project delivery in order to best utilize public resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, and enhance mobility within the region.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1499 and appreciate your consideration. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carter Mau".

Carter Mau
Acting CEO/General Manager/Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Assembly Member Tom Daly