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February 3, 2020

Dear Mr. Corbett,

Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2020, in which you requested the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Program (TA) consider funding the design and construction of an alternative location for the parking track related to the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project. We appreciate the extensive coordination the City and Caltrain have done on this topic and understand the sensitivity with the community.

As you may know, demand for grade separation project funding in San Mateo County outweighs the available resources.

- The TA adopted policy has already committed to programming the remaining Measure A funds in the Grade Separation category for the following pipeline projects on a first come first served basis that are currently in the pre-construction phases: Broadway in Burlingame, Ravenswood in Menlo Park, Scott/Linden in San Bruno and South San Francisco. There is also a commitment in the Measure A Grade Separation category of up to \$5M for planning other grade separation projects in San Mateo County.
- The current amount of TA funding available for grade separation projects in Measure A is \$230M, and for Measure W \$70M (per the newest Strategic Plan). The collective need for funding in San Mateo County for these projects greatly exceed the funding available.
- There are over 20 at-grade crossings still to be considered in San Mateo County, and Measure W funds will not be available immediately. Future calls for projects with Measure W funds are anticipated to occur after Caltrain completes a study that will help prioritize Caltrain grade separation projects.

As you may be aware, the TA agreement (amendment 2) with the JPB and City caps the TA contribution to the current project at \$65.3M and the request for a new parking track location appears to be a discretionary request. The TA's funding commitment under the existing agreement does not establish a right for the Sponsor to receive additional funding from the TA.

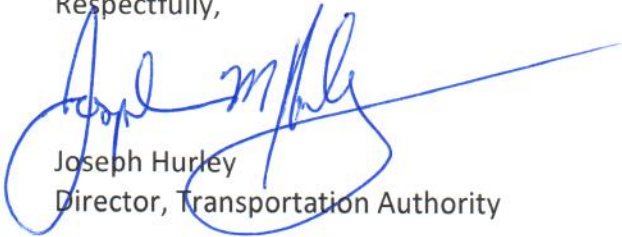
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It is our understanding that there are parking tracks throughout the corridor in residential areas and Caltrain has not received any complaints from residents located by those parking tracks. Based on information presented to the San Mateo City Council, the proposed San Mateo replacement parking track will be rarely used (1-2 times a month) and enhancements to the location are being proposed as part of the project.

Given the reasons above, we will not recommend using highly sought after and very limited resources for the alternative parking track locations.

Respectfully,



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Director, Transportation Authority

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