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May 26, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner Chair, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review State Capitol, Room 5019 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget State Capitol, Room 6026 Sacramento, CA 95814

#### RE: Extension of Indirect Cost Recovery Rate Proposal Cap

Dear Senate Budget Chair Nancy Skinner and Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing to ask for your support of the effort to extend Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section 114.5, which capped the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) indirect cost recovery rate proposal (ICRP) at 10 percent for projects financed by local, voter approved special taxes for transportation.

As one of California's 25 "Self-Help Counties", SMCTA has and will continue to invest millions of dollars annually in the state highway system. These investments are a critical component of our efforts to partner with the state to improve mobility and safety on our state highways.

The ICRP was established to compensate Caltrans for the oversight effort necessary for projects on the state highway system that are funded by others. All of the local tax funded state highway projects have been projects that Caltrans would have built on their own if they had the resources to do so. It serves as a disincentive however to charge local agencies a fee to make improvements on state owned assets, which are Caltrans responsibility.

As a member of the Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC), we have long advocated for the elimination of the ICRP because our locally funded projects benefit the State, and any Caltrans' oversight activities should be considered a small contribution by the State to help contribute to the projects' success. While SMCTA and the SHCC, would prefer the elimination of the ICRP, the 10 percent cap contained in SHC 114.5 is a reasonable compromise that we support. We urge you to support the effort to extend the ICRP cap of 10 percent.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jessica Epstein from the Government and Community Affairs staff at <u>epsteinj@samtrans.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Carter Mau Acting Executive Director

cc: Members of the Assembly and Senate Budget Committee The Honorable Marc Berman, Assembly Member, 24<sup>th</sup> District The Honorable Josh Becker, Senator,13<sup>th</sup> District The Honorable Kevin Mullin, Assembly Member, 22<sup>nd</sup> District The Honorable Phil Ting, Assembly Member, 19<sup>th</sup> District The Honorable Scott Wiener, Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Safe Routes to School San Mateo County Office of Education Board (@smcta.com) Safe Routes Stipend Opportunity for Educators...New Registration Deadline! Friday, May 28, 2021 1:37:58 PM

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