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March 2, 2021

The Honorable Mark Nagales
Vice Mayor
City of South San Francisco
400 Grand Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Dear Vice Mayor Nagales:

Congratulations on your election by the City Selection Committee to represent the Northern Judicial Cities on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, and welcome to the Transportation Authority (TA). We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with you on the wide range of activities in which the TA is engaged. This is an exciting time to be on the Board.

The next meeting of the TA Board of Directors is 5 p.m., March 4 via Zoom 7 due to COVID-19 (but once it is safe to do so, they are held in the Bacciocco Auditorium at the San Mateo County Transit District offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos). You will be sworn-in at that meeting.

Additionally, in your orientation session scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 3 pm via Zoom, we will introduce you to the management team of the agency and they will review with you the duties and responsibilities of Board members and provide an overview of the TA and its current activities.

If you have any questions or need anything at any time, Executive Officer/District Secretary Dora Seamans can be reached at (650) 508-6242 or at seamansd@samtrans.com. If there is anything urgent, you may also contact me at (650) 508-6221 or at hartnettj@samtrans.com.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Hartnett', is written over a blue ink scribble.

Jim Hartnett
Executive Director

cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Executive Team



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March 3, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 2021 INFRA Grant for Burlingame Broadway Station Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo Transportation Authority (TA), I am pleased to offer our support for the City of Burlingame's (City) Broadway Grade Separation Project (Project) application for \$125 million in Fiscal Year 2021 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding.

As background, the Project will grade separate Broadway Avenue from the Caltrain commuter rail line. With over 10,000 at-grade railroad crossings throughout the State of California, the Broadway at-grade railroad crossing currently ranked *first* in the California Public Utilities Commission Grade Separation Priority List for fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Grade separating Broadway Avenue is crucial, as it is the only gateway to the City from U.S. 101, connecting the freeway to the Downtown Business District, the Rollins Road Industrial District, numerous city services, and hospitality facilities. Additionally, Broadway Avenue provides connections between downtown and a new Facebook campus and numerous hotels adjacent to US 101 including Hyatt, Hilton and Marriott to name a few. The concentration of these major destinations generates high traffic volumes that are compounded by the current at-grade railroad crossing which experiences some of the worst traffic congestion in the area.

The Project also includes a re-built Caltrain commuter rail station, which is currently only served on weekends due to operational constraints associated with the "hold-out-rule" whereby trains that pass through the current station must hold outside of the station when a train is stopped at the station. With the new station at the grade-separated railroad crossing, this constraint will no longer be a factor and could be served by weekday trains which provide connections to major employers along the Caltrain rail line, such as Google, Salesforce and Facebook, as well as connections to major sporting destinations such as Levis' stadium in Santa Clara, and the Chase Center and Oracle Park in San Francisco.

The TA has partnered closely with the City and Caltrain on the Project for a number of years and to-date has provided \$23.3 million in matching funds from the Measure A sales tax that the TA administers. The TA will also be a major contributor of funding for the right-of-way and construction phases of the project. In addition to supporting this application, the TA supported the City's application during the previous round of INFRA funding. Now that the Project has received environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration in October 2020, final design is underway and is well-positioned to move toward construction quickly and efficiently.

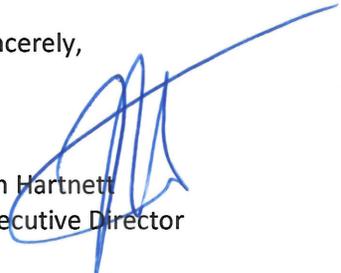
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Thank you for considering the City's application and we urge the Department of Transportation to become a partner in this important project.

Sincerely,



Jim Hartnett
Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors