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T. Jack Foster, Jr. Foster Enterprises Hon. Emily Beach Chair, San Mateo County Transportation Authority 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: City of South San Francisco Ferry Project

Dear Chair Beach and Members of the Board of Directors,

The San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA) has been a strong supporter of expanding ferry service into San Mateo County for decades. SAMCEDA has worked to ensure that our local Measures A and W would directly and indirectly support ferry service as well as MTC regional measures.

SAMCEDA supports the City of South San Francisco's request for TA matching funds to study the feasibility of expanding the capacity at Oyster Point Marina for projected growth of private ferry and water taxi service. Water transit is one of the few modes of public and commuter transportation which is deployed faster and more economically because ferry routes require no right-of-way construction or acquisition costs.

Expanding ferry and water taxi capacity and routes is a responsible and forward-thinking approach to meeting San Mateo County's goals to create reliable alternatives to employees driving alone to work. And all signs point to the life sciences and biotechnology cluster in South San Francisco becoming an even more important research cluster in a post pandemic world.

The City of South San Francisco has long worked in partnership with its major employers east of 101 and this is just another example of that collaboration. We would appreciate your approval for this funding request. SAMCEDA looks forward to support this effort, as well as efforts to expand WETA ferry service to the Port of Redwood City and explore the feasibility of hovercraft and other water transit options into San Mateo County.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Rosanne Foust President & CEO, SAMCEDA

CC: Hon. Rich Garbarino – Mayor, City of South San Francisco City Council Members, City of South San Francisco Mike Futrell - City Manager, City of South San Francisco



Stripe Inc. 510 Townsend Street San Francisco, CA 94103

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Hon. Emily Beach, Chair San Mateo County Transportation Authority 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070

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Dear Chair Beach and Members of the Board of Directors,

Stripe respectfully urges the Board to approve the City of South San Francisco's request for matching funding to prepare a feasibility study and preliminary design work for the expansion of South San Francisco ferry service.

Stripe is a technology company that builds economic infrastructure for the internet. Businesses of every size—from new startups to public companies—use our software to accept payments and manage their businesses online.

As you may be aware, we announced last year that we will be moving our company headquarters from San Francisco to South San Francisco and calling Oyster Point our new home. A key factor driving this decision was the proximity to the Oyster Point Marina, existing WETA ferry service, and the ability to provide direct employer-sponsored ferry service between South City and San Francisco. Our employees see ferry service as a highly desirable mode of transportation to commute into South San Francisco and Stripe is committed to ensuring a variety of sustainable commuting options.

The City of South San Francisco has been at the forefront of expanding ferry service to San Mateo County. Through thoughtful and responsible land use planning focused east of US 101, this area continues to grow, with thousands of new biotechnology and tech jobs expected within the next few years.

Stripe continues working closely with the City of South San Francisco to keep our transition moving forward and we look forward to calling San Mateo County home. We urge the board to approve this funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carmela Clendening

Carmela Clendening Head of US State & Local Public Policy, Stripe

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