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April 13, 2020

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
Assembly Member, 43rd District  
State Capitol, Room 2137  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of AB 2121 (Friedman)**

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, I write to express support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2121, which would make important updates and added flexibility to the current the California Traffic Safety Program.

Current state law requires a regular survey of traffic speeds—every five or seven years, depending on the circumstances—on highway segments. If surveys are older than that, the state considers the speed limit to be a speed trap, and unenforceable. As a result, some jurisdictions are unable to enforce their speed limits because their data is outdated.

AB 2121 would amend current law to extend the period of time between required traffic speed surveys, under certain conditions. The bill provides greater flexibility to local governments when calculating highway speed limits if there is found to be an increase in traffic-related crashes.

In addition, the bill creates a statewide traffic safety monitoring program to identify locations with pedestrian- and bicyclist-related crashes, and requires the Department of Transportation to convene a committee of external experts to advise the Department on revisions to the Highway Design Manual.

The bill gives communities the flexibility to respond to conditions in their areas with proven tools to improve safety for everyone. For these reasons we are pleased to support AB 2121.

Please feel free to contact Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs, at (650) 508-6493 or via email at [fromsonc@samtrans.com](mailto:fromsonc@samtrans.com) if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jim Hartnett".

Jim Hartnett  
General Manager/ Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

cc: San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority State Legislative Delegation  
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April 13, 2020

The Honorable Jim Beall  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT of SB 795 (Beall) — Building Affordable and Inclusive Communities OR Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization**

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, I write in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 795 and its approach to tackling the housing crisis in California.

By establishing a new local/state partnership, local jurisdictions will be able to use their own county's local property tax to fill the funding gap left by the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and the loss of federal funding. Senate Bill 795 allows local governments to collaborate on state-approved redevelopment plans, which would be funded by reduced contributions to local Education Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAFs), awarded to state-approved projects.

This bill restores and provides resources to help communities build transit-oriented development, affordable housing, repair infrastructure, and revitalize our neighborhoods and downtowns.

Senate Bill 795 provides timely and on-going funding for affordable housing projects, gives economic relief for working families, while also creating good-paying construction jobs in communities throughout our state. By funding infrastructure, as well as housing, SB 795 helps alleviate concerns raised in local communities about the impacts new housing will have on already overtaxed infrastructure. We also appreciate the efforts to include accountability and oversight to ensure the development of housing for Californians at all income levels.

For these reasons, we respectfully **SUPPORT** SB 795.

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Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett  
General Manager/CEO/Executive Director

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