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September 26, 2022

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

CARTER MAU  
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Re: City of Burlingame – Broadway Grade Separation Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the City of Burlingame's grant application for the Broadway Grade Separation Project (Project). With over 10,000 at-grade railroad crossings throughout the State of California, the Broadway at-grade railroad crossing in Burlingame remains the top priority on the California Public Utilities Commission's Grade Separation Priority List. Final engineering design is now well underway, environmental clearance has been secured, and the Project is ready for construction.

The TA was formed in 1988 to administer the proceeds from voter approved Measure A. Voters later approved Measure W. Both are half-cent sales tax measures that support county-wide transportation projects and programs. The TA continuously works with our local jurisdictions to help increase mobility, improve multimodal safety, promote the creation of jobs, and provide solutions for congestion relief throughout San Mateo County.

Last year, an incident at the Broadway crossing reminded us of just how dangerous the crossing remains. Unsafe situations arise at the crossing on a daily basis, and grade separation presents the best opportunity to solve the issue by completely and permanently separating the railroad from all vehicular and other traffic.

In addition to addressing the dangers associated with this crossing, the Project will improve traffic flow and the overall quality of life in and around the Project area. Broadway is the only gateway to Burlingame from U.S. 101, connecting the freeway to two vital business districts, tech campuses with more than 12 acres of potential growth, numerous small and large businesses, and 11 hotels serving San Francisco International Airport. Over 100 commuter and freight trains pass through the Broadway at-grade railroad crossing daily. When trains cross Broadway, all other transportation comes to a halt, resulting in congestion, trip delays, air quality impacts, and impacts on local and regional businesses.

The TA has partnered closely with the City of Burlingame on this Project for a number of years and to-date has provided over \$24 million in Measure A matching funds. In addition to supporting this application, the TA supported the City's application during the previous rounds of federal funding grant applications. Now that the Project has received environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration, the final design is underway and the project is well-positioned to move toward

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construction quickly and efficiently. We are eager to support the City in its efforts to bring this long-awaited project to completion.

With the support of the U.S. Department of Transportation, this new critical infrastructure will improve public safety, reduce traffic, facilitate active transportation modes, and invigorate the economic vitality of Burlingame, San Mateo County, and the region. We urge you to approve it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carter Mau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carter" being more prominent than the last name "Mau".

Carter Mau

Acting Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors