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APRIL CHAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 20, 2023

The Honorable Kevin Mullin U.S. House of Representatives 1404 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject:Congressionally Directed Spending Request For 19th Avenue/FashionIsland Boulevard Complete Street Class Iv Bikeway Project

Dear Representative Mullin:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in the hopes that you will help the TA secure funding for the 19th Avenue/Fashion Island Boulevard Complete Street Class IV Bikeway Project as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations process. The Bikeway is located along 19th Avenue and Fashion Island Boulevard between the City of San Mateo and City of Foster City in San Mateo County, California.

Your support will help close a funding gap and complete the construction of a new mile long separated bikeway, connecting the Hayward Park Caltrain Station to residences and business centers in eastern San Mateo and Foster City that are currently separated by the US 101 Highway (US 101) and waterways. It will also provide access under the US 101 and State Route (SR) 92 Interchange (US 101/SR 92 Interchange), and improve pedestrian access at four intersections along the bikeway corridor.

The TA has partnered with the City of San Mateo to help deliver this project and bridge a significant transportation gap between the cities of San Mateo and Foster City. Currently, this high traffic corridor lacks safe and adequate facilities for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit users. Once completed, the new bikeway will provide access to a safe and affordable alternative mode of transportation through the US 101/SR 92 Interchange, which has long been a physical transportation barrier between the two cities. By improving the intersections at highway entrance/exit ramps, transit-dependent pedestrians and bicyclists in both cities will have safe and comfortable access to a ditional transit options.

According to the UC Berkeley Transportation Injury Mapping System, from January 2016 to December 2020, there were a total of 14 vehicle, two pedestrian-involved, and one bicycle-involved collisions along this corridor. The bikeway will implement proven safety measures including: physical separation between the bicycle lanes and the highway, reduced crossing distances and high visibility crosswalk striping for pedestrians, and traffic

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calming features to slow car traffic. These unique features will help children, families and seniors using the corridor safely reach their destinations. Scaled lighting will also be installed along the bikeway to help enhance the visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians using the corridor at night.

An award of FY 2024 funding will ensure that the TA can close the construction funding gap and bring this transformative project to fruition. We hope you will prioritize it for funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, April Chan

Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors



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March 20, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United State Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

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The TA has partnered with the City of San Mateo to help deliver this project and bridge a significant transportation gap between the cities of San Mateo and Foster City while connecting to Caltrain commuter rail and a future Bus Mobility Hub located at the Caltrans Park and Ride lot underneath the US 101/92 Interchange. Currently, this high traffic corridor lacks safe and adequate facilities for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit users. Once completed, the new bikeway will provide access to a safe and affordable alternative mode of transportation through the US 101/SR 92 Interchange, which has long been a physical transportation barrier between the two cities. By improving the intersections at highway entrance/exit ramps, transit-dependent pedestrians and bicyclists in both cities will have safe and comfortable access to additional transit options.

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