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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Burlingame's FY2024 RAISE Grant Application for Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the City of Burlingame's application under the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation grant program for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project (the Project).

Through this project, the City intends to bring Old Bayshore Highway's sidewalks into ADA compliance; improve efficiency of the corridor; provide improvements that benefit bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and motorists; and address stormwater, sea level, and other environmental concerns.

The Project aims to revitalize Old Bayshore Highway by embracing a Complete Streets approach, which would create a model of sustainability and connectivity. The project will improve roadway safety for all travelers and foster connectivity through enhanced multimodal transportation options. Finally, the project will establish a resilient and interconnected transportation network elevating the overall quality of life of Burlingame residents and facilitate economic development along Old Bayshore Highway.

RAISE grant funding will empower the City to pursue its vision for Old Bayshore Highway, which is to create a regional hub for recreation and business. The vision includes enhanced parks, natural open spaces, and recreational amenities that provide enjoyable spaces for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

SamTrans and the TA are both committed to providing the public with high-quality, safe, and accessible transportation systems that enhance quality of life by increasing access and mobility, reducing congestion, improving the environment, and promoting economic vitality. The City of Burlingame's efforts to enhance ADA

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compliance, corridor efficiencies, and transportation improvements in their city are emblematic of this commitment.

For these reasons, SamTrans and the TA support Burlingame's application for FY 2024 RAISE grant funding for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project. We hope you will consider it for funding. If you have any questions, please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,



April Chan
General Manager/CEO/Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County's (C/CAG) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program funding (for Fiscal Year 2024) for its *San Mateo County Pathways Forward: An Inclusive Bike and Pedestrian Plan (Project)*.

C/CAG is seeking RAISE funding to fund this planning Project, which will promote walking and bicycling through infrastructure and programmatic improvements, such as increasing the connectivity and expanding the network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities for a diverse population in San Mateo County. Projects identified in the Plan intend to reduce air pollution and promote a healthy lifestyle.

With newer mobility options like e-bikes becoming more available, this Plan also aims to identify facilities and infrastructure (charging stations) to facilitate longer distance bike travel and recreation opportunities along the San Mateo County coast. Integrating technologies such as drones and artificial intelligence for sidewalk inventory will mark the initial phase of assessing deficiencies within the infrastructure.

This evaluation will inform targeted investments to close gaps and enhance accessibility, as sidewalks are a cornerstone of inclusive and accessible transportation. Additionally, this Plan will focus on identifying historically underserved communities in the County and will enable C/CAG and partner agencies to create places where residents and visitors can walk and bike safely regardless of age or ability, in line with RAISE program goals.

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C/CAG's efforts to promote walking and bicycling through infrastructure and programmatic improvements are emblematic of this commitment.

For these reasons, the TA supports C/CAG's application FY 2024 RAISE grant funding for its *San Mateo County Pathways Forward: An Inclusive Bike and Pedestrian Plan*. We hope you will consider it for funding. If you have any questions, please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com.

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As the TA looks at AVs, it is critical it keep in mind that failure modes are the most complex and difficult for software to handle correctly. Anyone saying that handling unexpected conditions is not a problem - or easily handled - is either unaware of this, or deliberately minimizing the possible consequences when complex systems are confronted by unexpected events.

To be clear, I'm am not opposed to AVs in the long term. In fact, I believe they will some day be incredibly beneficial and will significantly reduce crash, injury, and death rates. But, it appears that "live" experimentation is being incredibly rushed.

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Drive a bike a bit more often and cars a bit less. You'll be healthier and happier, and so will our world.

Reach out if you'd like to learn to cycle more safely ([LCI #7105](#)).

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