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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Request for State Route 84 - United States 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I am writing in support of Caltrans and City of Redwood City (City)'s application for 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the State Route (SR) 84 - United States (US) 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project). The requested funds will enable the completion of the construction phase.

The Project will improve interchange ramp intersections to increase safety and multimodal connectivity for all users. The Project will provide sidewalks, separated bikeways, and multi-use paths traveling along SR 84 and across US 101 where no active transportation facilities currently exist. This will improve access and mobility for underserved communities to economic opportunities, as well as encourage mode shift to low-carbon travel modes. The Project will also enhance commercial vehicle and intermodal freight to and from the Port of Redwood City and US 101 by improving traffic operations and safety and reducing travel times.

The TA administers Measures A and W, two ½-cent sales taxes dedicated to transportation projects and programs in San Mateo County. The Project is named in the original 1988 Measure A Expenditure Plan and aligns with the 2004 Measure A and 2018 Measure W Expenditure Plans. The TA has been committed to funding this project throughout its development and it's identified in the TA's Short Range Highway Plan as a project of countywide significance. To date, the project has been allocated approximately \$149 million in TA sales tax funding through our Highway Program Call for Projects (CFP) process, consistently being one of the highest scoring projects in our highway CFPs.

The TA would like to thank USDOT for considering this Project. It will transform the City and surrounding regions and greatly support the economic vitality of the Peninsula. If

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you have any questions, please contact Government and Community Affairs Director
Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

April Chan
Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors