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Metropolitan Transportation Commission Bay Area Metro Center 375 Beale Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

Re: Regional Measure 3 Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Competitive Grant Application

To Regional Measure 3 Grant Program Reviewer(s),

I am writing on behalf of San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the Transportation Authority (TA) to express our enthusiastic support for the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Competitive Grant application being submitted by the City of Millbrae for the Spur Trail to Bay Trail Connections Project.

The Millbrae – Spur Trail to Bay Trail Connections Project will involve preliminary engineering and environmental review of a two-mile-long bicycle and pedestrian facility. This proposed link will provide an important connection to the Millbrae Transit Center, including BART, Caltrain, and SamTrans, and the Bay Trail. It will also connect to several parks and schools within the City of Millbrae, offering alternative modes of transportation to residents. The project will evaluate bicycle and pedestrian facilities to connect the Spur Trail to the Bay Trail, enhancing connectivity and providing safe, accessible pathways for cyclists and pedestrians.

This project closes a critical gap in the city's bicycle network from Lomita Trail to Spur Trail and will provide safe and direct routes for cyclists and pedestrians to access transit at the Millbrae BART and Caltrain stations, parks, schools, and other key destinations throughout Millbrae. The project will consider various alignments to connect to the transit center, and to continue connectivity across the US 101/Millbrae Avenue overcrossing to reach the Bay Trail. Additionally, this project will connect at Aviador Avenue to another proposed project, the SFO Bay Trail Gap Closure project, thereby providing connectivity to SFO and the Bay Trail along an alternate path.

This project demonstrates Millbrae's dedication to improving mobility, multimodal safety, and employment outlooks, while providing community forward solutions to traffic concerns and supporting regional planning initiatives. This initiative embodies the RM3 vision for a more vibrant, sustainable, and accessible transportation network.

SamTrans and the TA believe that RM3 funding will allow the City of Millbrae to facilitate a much-needed project in the area. They have the experience and resources needed to implement the project, improve quality of life for the

communities they serve and foster a healthier and more sustainable future for the region. They will be an effective and responsible steward of every grant dollar received from the program.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Millbrae's RM3 Grant Program application and the impactful project it supports.

Please contact Government Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at Epstein@samtrans.com if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

April Chan

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I am writing on behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the Transportation Authority (TA) to express support for the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Competitive Grant application being submitted by the City of East Palo Alto for the East Bayshore Pedestrian Safety Project.

The East Palo Alto – East Bayshore Pedestrian Project will address serious safety and accessibility challenges along East Bayshore Road in East Palo Alto between Euclid Avenue and Menalto Avenue. Currently, East Bayshore Road has incomplete sidewalk coverage, no bicycling facilities, and several locations at which the frontage of the roadway is continuous, open-access parking lots; much of the right-of-way is characterized by unregulated parking. In recent years, two pedestrians who were using the public right-of-way were struck and killed by motorists.

The Project proposes the completion of sidewalks and curb ramps along Bayshore Road as well as the addition of Class II bike lanes, parking regulation, and access management elements. Furthermore, the project will directly connect East Bayshore Road to the Class I bike/ped crossing of Bayshore Freeway (US 101) that is currently under development, provide a meaningful link to other regional bikeways, and connect to multiple transit services, including transit services that provide toll-free crossings of the Dumbarton Toll Bridge.

This project demonstrates East Palo Alto's dedication to improving mobility, multimodal safety, and employment outlooks while providing community forward solutions to traffic concerns and supporting regional planning initiatives (e.g., Circulation Element of the San Mateo County 2040 General Plan). This initiative embodies the RM3 vision for a more vibrant, sustainable, and accessible transportation network.

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Thank you for your consideration of East Palo Alto's RM3 Grant Program application and the impactful project it supports.

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I am writing on behalf of San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the Transportation Authority (TA) to express support for the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Competitive Grant application being submitted by the City of Redwood City for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Project.

The Bay Trail Gap Closure Project focuses on the construction phase for a two-mile Class I bike path, providing a fully separated, shared-use facility for cyclists and pedestrians. This trail will extend from the existing Bay Trail connection at Bayfront Park to Seaport Boulevard, ending at Pacific Shores Centre, closing critical gaps in the Bay Trail, bicycle and pedestrian access to Redwood City's Downtown, and providing first and last mile bicycle access to the future Redwood City Ferry Terminal.

The project will improve pedestrian access at three key intersections along the route, creating safer and more direct connections for residents, visitors, and workers in the area. It will integrate with the adjacent US 101/State Route 84 (SR 84) interchange improvements, merging into the Bay Trail gap closure.

The interchange project, currently in the final stages of design, includes the construction of a 1,300-foot Class I shared-use path along SR 84 between Broadway and East Bayshore Road/Blomquist Street, where the proposed Gap Closure project will provide connectivity. The interchange reconstruction will also include 1,300 feet of Class II bike lanes and 1,200 feet of Class IV cycle tracks on SR 84 and Seaport Boulevard, further enhancing the overall connectivity and safety of the transportation network and providing connectivity from the proposed Gap Closure project to Redwood City's downtown core, including the Redwood City Caltrain station.

This project will implement essential safety features such as high-visibility crosswalks at key intersections to improve pedestrian safety, and clear signage to enhance trail usability. The inclusion of wide, smooth pathways ensures that the trail accommodates users of all ages and abilities, promoting outdoor activities and providing a safe, accessible environment for all.

This project demonstrates Redwood City's dedication to improving mobility, multimodal safety, and employment outlooks while providing community forward solutions to traffic concerns and supporting regional planning initiatives (e.g., Circulation Element of the San Mateo County 2040 General Plan). This initiative embodies the RM3 vision for a more vibrant, sustainable, and accessible transportation network.

SamTrans and the TA believe that RM3 funding will allow the City of Redwood City to facilitate a much-needed project in the area. They have the experience and resources needed to implement the project, improve quality of life for the communities they serve, and foster a healthier and more sustainable future for the region. They will be an effective and responsible steward of every grant dollar received from the program.

Thank you for your consideration of Redwood City's RM3 Grant Program application and the impactful project it supports.

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I am writing on behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the Transportation Authority (TA) to express support for the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Competitive Grant application being submitted by the City of San Bruno for Segment II of the Huntington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Segment II of the Huntington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project will construct a two-way separated Class IV cycle track approximately 1/3 mile long on the east side of Huntington Avenue between the San Bruno BART Station and the San Bruno Caltrain station.

The project closes a critical gap in the City's all-ages and all-abilities biking network by connecting the Centennial Way Trail and San Bruno BART station to the north to a Class IV cycle track and the Caltrain station to the south. Segment I of the bikeway is currently under construction south of Herman St, and Segment III will be constructed as part of the Southline development in progress northeast of the project area.

The City of San Bruno is dedicated to improving mobility, multimodal safety, and employment outlooks, while providing community forward solutions to traffic concerns and supporting regional planning initiatives. This initiative embodies the RM3 vision for a more vibrant, sustainable, and accessible transportation network.

SamTrans and the TA believe that RM3 funding will allow the City of San Bruno to facilitate a much-needed project in the area. They have the experience and resources needed to implement the project, improve quality of life for the communities they serve, and foster a healthier and more sustainable future for the region. They will be an effective and responsible steward of every grant dollar received from the program.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of San Bruno's RM3 Grant Program application and the impactful project it supports.

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The 19th Avenue/Fashion Island Boulevard Complete Street Project involves constructing a two-way separated bike facility along Fashion Island Boulevard and 19th Avenue, with pedestrian access improvements at four intersections, including the US 101/SR 92 highway ramps. This mile-long bikeway will connect San Mateo and Foster City to the Hayward Park Caltrain Station and the planned US 101 Express Bus service, offering new travel options for residents, visitors, and workers.

The project will enhance safety and efficiency for all transportation modes through features like high-visibility crosswalks, protected bicycle intersections, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signal timing upgrades, pedestrian-scale lighting, and stormwater treatments.

This project demonstrates San Mateo's dedication to improving mobility, multimodal safety, and employment outlooks, while providing community forward solutions to traffic concerns and supporting regional planning initiatives. This initiative embodies the RM3 vision for a more vibrant, sustainable, and accessible transportation network.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City of San Mateo's RM3 Grant Program application and the impactful project it supports. I urge you to consider it for funding.

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