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Director Dina El-Tawansy
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

APRIL CHAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Subject: Letter of Support for the Old County Road Complete Streets Study

Dear Director El-Tawansy,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing to express our support for the City of San Carlos' (City) grant application for Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program for the Old County Road Complete Streets Study.

The proposed Old County Road Complete Streets Plan supports the City's commitment to a connected, sustainable transportation system. It advances the goals of the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and other local, county, and state initiatives to create a transportation network that serves all users. The Plan will help the City improve mobility, safety, and access for people walking, biking, taking transit, and will connect communities to jobs, healthcare, downtown, and regional transportation hubs. The Plan will also encourage transit use, improve air quality, and support multimodal access for new infill housing.

Investing in pedestrian and bicycle improvements will give residents safer, convenient travel options. A barrier to walking and biking in San Carlos is the lack of safe, comfortable north-south routes. This Complete Streets Study will address that by developing viable design alternatives for Old County Road.

SMCTA is supporting a corridor study for Industrial Road, a priority in the US 101 San Mateo County Corridor Crossings Plan (Active 101) and the City's East Side Master Streetscape Plan. Old County Road, identified in SMCTA's 101 Corridor Connect program, is a key active transportation link between Belmont, San Carlos, and Redwood City, providing access to multiple Caltrain stations.

We support the City's effort to secure funding for this endeavor. Thank you for considering this project. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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April Chan
Executive Director

CC: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

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Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant Review Committee
California Department of Transportation
Division of Transportation Planning
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for City of South San Francisco Multimodal Transportation Action Plan

Dear Caltrans Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing in support for the City of South San Francisco's application for the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant to develop a Multimodal Transportation Action Plan (MTAP).

This planning effort will support transit-oriented development (TOD) by identifying opportunities to improve first- and last-mile connections and enhance access between new and proposed mixed-use developments and nearby transit stops. The MTAP will provide a roadmap to guide future investments, strengthen transit ridership, reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles, and advance regional climate and equity goals.

We look forward to active collaboration throughout the planning process, sharing data, coordinating on service access and infrastructure needs, and jointly developing recommendations that improve multimodal connectivity, customer experience, and equitable mobility outcomes.

This effort will further strengthen the partnership between both SamTrans and the SMCTA and the City to align service planning, infrastructure investment, and sustainability priorities.

We support funding this effort and urge you to consider it for funding. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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April Chan
General Manager & CEO/Executive Director

CC: San Mateo County transit District Board of Directors
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Caltrans District 4
111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, CA 94623-0660
Attn: Becky Frank and Stephen Conteh

Subject: Letter of Support for San Mateo County's Grant Application for the ATP/LSRP Update Project

Dear Becky and Stephen:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing in support of San Mateo County's Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant application to update its **Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)**.

This initiative will enable the County to advance multimodal transportation safety and promote mobility by ensuring that planning efforts are informed by current data, community needs, and equity considerations.

The ATP/LSRP will serve as critical tools for guiding future investments in infrastructure and safety improvements. The updated plans will align with regional, state, and federal goals and position the County to be eligible for implementation funds from the One Bay Area Grant, Active Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and Safe Streets and Roads for All.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

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November 13, 2025

California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support Letter for Caltrain's Advanced Grid Technology Acceleration Projects Application

Dear California Energy Commission Staff:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing in support of Caltrain's application for funding from the California Energy Commission's Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program for the Energy Storage Project. This project demonstrates the integration of advanced energy storage systems with electric rail traction power infrastructure.

Funding for this project will enable Caltrain to capture regenerative braking energy and optimize the efficiency of electrified rail infrastructure. By storing this energy and discharging it during peak demand times, the project reduces strain on the grid and improves the efficiency and resiliency of Caltrain's electrified system.

This project provides meaningful safety, reliability, and sustainability benefits. By maintaining on-site energy during grid disruptions, Caltrain can provide continuous electric commuter rail operations and ensure passenger safety during widespread outages.

There are also economic and equity benefits. Many low-income communities rely on public transit as their primary mode of transportation. Because transit electricity costs are largely recovered through local sales taxes and rider fares, avoiding unnecessary energy costs directly reduces the burden on riders and taxpayers.

The successful demonstration of an advanced energy storage system is of significant interest to SamTrans as we look for innovative ways to support our zero-emission fleet transition, including electric buses and paratransit vehicles. Many of the touted project benefits Caltrain seeks could also help SamTrans improve its operations in the future, especially during power outages and unforeseen events.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

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