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January 24, 2019

Ben Metcalf, Director
California Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Support for the City of South San Francisco's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 4: Integrated Connectivity Project

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

I am writing to express my strong support of the City of South San Francisco's application for funding through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Program Round 4. I hope you join me in appreciation of the City's dedication to promoting affordable housing in the Bay Area, where housing shortages are particularly acute.

Currently, the cost of housing in California is sky rocketing, while wages and household incomes struggle to keep up. This situation is exacerbated in the Bay Area where jobs easily outnumber available units, which has caused affordable housing to become practically unobtainable. South San Francisco's proposed project would directly address this problem by increasing the number of affordable units in close proximity to job centers.

The City of South San Francisco's Project will also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing active modes of transportation, such as commuting by public transit, biking and walking, thus reducing the number of vehicles on regional streets and reduce carbon emissions. The project will accomplish this by building new housing units in dense urban areas and next to transit stations, along with bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

For these reasons I am proud to support the City of South San Francisco's application through HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Program. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs, at (650) 508-6493 or via email at fromsonc@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Hartnett".

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors