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**as of 11-25-2019**

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**To:** [Board \(@smcta.com\)](mailto:Board@smcta.com)  
**Cc:** [Maggie Fahey](#); [Felicia Basques](#)  
**Subject:** Chamber Letter of Support - Please Adopt the Draft TA Strategic  
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Good Afternoon Chair Horsley and Members of the Board,

Please see our attached letter in strong support of the Draft TA Strategic Plan.

It has been a fantastic experience being a part of the Stakeholder Advisory Group.

Thank you for all you are doing for our community and for this opportunity to participate.

Warmest regards,

Amy

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Amy Buckmaster  
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November 15, 2019

Sent Via Email To: [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com)

Don Horsley, Chair  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
PO Box 3006  
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Subject: TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Dear Chair Horsley and Members of the Board:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce for the Draft TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024. The Chamber's membership includes over 1,000 businesses and organizations, including almost 60 non-profits and over 40 educational institutions representing over 75,000 employees throughout Redwood City, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara Counties. Chamber members are involved in our community across many important issues, including education, housing, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, and governmental initiatives.

Together, they help San Mateo County move forward in a positive way.

The Chamber understands that transportation funds from Measures A and W are critically important for San Mateo County. The Draft TA Strategic Plan provides an excellent framework for prioritizing projects and allocating funds generated by the voter-approved measures. It is informed by extensive public outreach, and as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, I can confirm that TA staff did a PHENOMENAL job of presenting complex material, encouraging feedback, and balancing multiple interests. The resulting document is extremely well vetted and has broad stakeholder support.

The Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce appreciates the TA's hard work on behalf of the people and businesses of San Mateo County. We urge the board to adopt the proposed Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Buckmaster", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Amy Buckmaster  
President and CEO  
Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce

**From:** Larisa Ocanada  
**To:** [Board \(@smcta.com\)](mailto:Board (@smcta.com))  
**Cc:** [Rosanne Foust](#)  
**Subject:** 2020 - 2024 TA Strategic Plan Support Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:40:14 AM  
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Dear Chair Horsley and Members of the Board of Directors,

On behalf of President & CEO, Rosanne Foust, and the Board of Directors of SAMCEDA, please see the letter attached.

Thank you.

Larisa Ocañada  
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November 20, 2019

Honorable Chair Don Horsley  
Members of the Board of Directors  
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Via email to [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com)

Dear Chair Horsley and Members of the Board of Directors:

The San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA) strongly supports the final draft staff proposal for the *TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024*. This policy document represents the culmination of countless hours of time, energy, and excitement about the future of transportation in San Mateo County. It also represents a forward-thinking vision of how to invest Measure A and Measure W funds into 21<sup>st</sup> century projects intended to modernize mobility in the region, ensure responsible investment of public funds, and address equity for all users.

SAMCEDA is proud to have been at the table since the inception of "Get Us Moving," through the successful campaign for Measure W, and finally the Stakeholder Advisory Group process to help create the strategic plan. Much like the Measure W core principals and expenditure categories, the *TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024* has something in it for everyone and yet everyone does not get everything they wanted – this is the sign of good policy based on consensus-driven work. The staff team and consultants who worked with the SAG, TAG and other stakeholders to deliver this document have done some of the best work we have seen from a public agency and they are to be applauded.

**SAMCEDA does not support any further changes to the final staff draft plan.** We urge the Board to adopt the plan as written because it is good public policy. Due to the regular cadence of updates to the *TA Strategic Plan* every five years, if issues are identified over this first phase of implementation, then the next version of the *TA Strategic Plan* can incorporate any policy updates.

With the adoption of this *2020-2024 TA Strategic Plan*, San Mateo County will set the standard for public transportation investments that strike a responsible balance between maintaining our existing infrastructure, while focusing new investments in projects that align with our future mobility goals.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Foust  
President & CEO, SAMCEDA

Cc: Jim Hartnett - CEO, San Mateo County Transit District  
April Chan - San Mateo County Transportation Authority  
Sandy Wong - C/CAG  
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November 5, 2019

Susan Bransen  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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**Re: Comments on Cycle 2 Solutions for Congested Corridors Draft Guidelines**

Dear Director Bransen:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority), we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the development of the guidelines for Cycle 2 of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP).

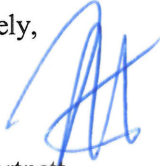
We support the programming of four years of SCCP, which would provide \$1 billion as was accomplished in Cycle 1, to allow for expediting the delivery of transformative projects. Additionally, we support the removal of the \$100 million project award cap. We also support giving priority to completing corridors so that full mobility, congestion management and air quality goals are realized. This program was largely responsible for funding Phase One of the Peninsula US 101 Corridor project, which will create a 44-mile express lanes network from San Mateo-Santa Clara county-line to the I-380/101 interchange near San Francisco International Airport. This project will connect to the express lanes that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is also providing funding for the Valley Transportation Authority in Santa Clara County. These projects, in total, will provide continuous express lanes in the two counties to support congestion management and relief for the traveling public.

San Mateo County's local sales tax measures dedicate a substantial portion of the expenditure plan towards delivering multi-modal transportation options through our investments in bus service, commuter rail, ferry service, and bicycle and pedestrian programs. These investment priorities are a necessity given our density and acknowledgment that highways within the county cannot be widened.

We ask that the Commission only require information from a transportation agency on land use if that agency has purview over the property, and if that information would be applicable to the scope of the project. We are concerned about constraining the delivery of projects that serve a regional benefit due to land use decisions made by many local municipalities within a corridor. Other local jurisdictions would be more appropriate to contact for greater detail. For any further information

please do not hesitate to contact Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs, at (650) 508-6593 or via email at [fromsonc@samtrans.com](mailto:fromsonc@samtrans.com).

Sincerely,



Jim Hartnett  
General Manager/ Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

cc:     The Honorable Marc Berman, 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
          The Honorable Kevin Mullin, 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District  
          The Honorable Philip Ting, 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
          The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
          San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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          San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors  
          Seamus Murphy, Chief Communications Officer

**From:** Greg Greenway  
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**Subject:** TA Strategic Plan Comments  
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Please see the attached comments from Seaport Industrial Association.

Greg Greenway





Seaport Industrial Association, 675 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City, CA, 94063

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November 14, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL to [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com)

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San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors  
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San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

**Subject: TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024**

Dear Chair Horsley and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Seaport Industrial Association (SIA), I am writing to encourage you to adopt the Draft TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024. SIA is a non-profit organization whose members include the Port of Redwood City and nearly all the industrial businesses in the port area.

As you know, the voter-approved funds from Measures A and W are essential to deliver critically needed transportation projects throughout San Mateo County. For SIA members, the ability to move high-demand goods on the Peninsula depends entirely on a functioning multi-modal transportation network (water, rail and roadways). Our interest in the resources administered by the TA is a matter of vital economic importance, not just for our member companies but also for the customers and jobs that rely on products getting to their destinations from the Redwood City Port and related industrial businesses.

The TA Strategic Plan provides the framework by which our countywide transportation funds are allocated. The Draft Plan does an excellent job of balancing multiple needs and interests across the range of eligible funding categories. I participated on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and know how much excellent and difficult work went into developing the draft, and how much time and effort staff put into gathering community input, synthesizing feedback and coming up with a proposal that has broad support.

SIA appreciates your leadership and urges you to adopt the Draft TA Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

Greg Greenway  
Executive Director