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May 20, 2021

The Honorable Tom Daly
Assembly Member, 69th District
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1499 (Daly): Design Build Contracting for Projects on State Highway System – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Daly:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in **SUPPORT** of Assembly Bill 1499 (Daly), which would repeal the January 1, 2024 sunset date for the utilization of the design-build procurement method for projects on or adjacent to the state highway system.

The use of design-build procurement as a project delivery tool has demonstrated significant schedule and cost savings. Allowing sponsoring transportation agencies to combine design and construction activities, utilizes resources more efficiently while saving the public time and limited funding resources.

Currently, up to 10 projects statewide are authorized for using design-build approach. This procurement method could provide another tool that may allow our agency, in coordination with Caltrans, to pursue other high-priority highway projects in the San Mateo County region.

The enactment of SB1, approval of local sales tax measures, and receipt of federal stimulus funds, has increased the need for maintaining procurement methods that will help expedite project delivery in order to best utilize public resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, and enhance mobility within the region.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1499 and appreciate your authorship. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jessica Epstein from the SamTrans Government and Community Affairs staff at epsteinj@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carter Mau".

Carter Mau
Acting CEO/General Manager/Executive Director

cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District State Delegation
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
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