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May 4, 2021

Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Transportation and Infrastructure Request -US 101/Produce Avenue Interchange Project

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I am pleased to offer our support for the City of South San Francisco Transportation and Infrastructure Committee request of \$5,000,000 for the U.S. 101/ Produce Avenue Interchange Project (Project).

The Project enhances safety, for motorists and pedestrians, and improves traffic operations on U.S. Highway 101, a heavily traveled transit route between San Francisco and San Jose, and adjoining streets. The interchange also provides a new east-west crossing of U.S. 101, improving overall traffic connections and supporting operations and growth in one of the largest concentrations of biotech companies in the Silicon Valley.

The Project is in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is currently in the preliminary design and environmental review phase, utilizing a \$3 million grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The total Project cost is estimated at \$130 million. Preliminary design and environmental will be complete in approximately ten months, and the project will progress to the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way phases.

In addition to the TA, the Project is also supported by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The project is also included in the TA's draft Short Range Highway Plan and will be eligible to apply for San Mateo County Measure A and Measure W highway program funding later this year. Thank you for your consideration of this impactful project.

Sincerely,

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Carter Mau
Acting Executive Director

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May 3, 2021

The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Speier:

On behalf of the San Mateo Transportation Authority (TA) and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), we write to personally thank you for submitting the US 101/SR 92 Area Improvement Project (Project) for funding consideration as part of the FY2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

As you know, the Project will enhance safety and minimize vehicle/pedestrian conflicts on local roadways, which have had an influx of regional cut-through traffic as motorists seek alternative routes avoiding congestion on US 101 and SR 92. The infrastructure improvements will increase efficient weaving and merging space where there are higher than average collision rates at ramps and connectors. These improvements go hand in hand with a longer-term project, the US 101/SR 92 Direct Connector Project, which will redesign and rebuild a significant portion of the interchange. Both projects improve safety and operational efficiency for transit and drivers.

We appreciate your continued support of transportation improvements that are so fundamental to the vitality and health of our region, the state, and the entire country. Please contact Government and Community Affairs staffer Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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April Chan
Chief Officer, Transportation Authority

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Sandy Wong
Executive Director, C/CAG

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
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