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August 17, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 922 (Wiener) Signature Request

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write to you to respectfully request that you **SIGN** SB 922 (Wiener). This bill would modify the statutory exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for clean transportation projects, established by SB 288 (Wiener). Additionally, this bill would eliminate the sunset on these exemptions.

In 2020, recognizing the CEQA process is often used by project opponents to stop or delay clean transportation projects, the Legislature passed, and Governor Newsom signed into law SB 288, which temporarily exempted certain clean transportation projects from CEQA requirements. This included projects for new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail services on public rail or highway rights-of-way; transit prioritization projects; projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians; projects to construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission buses; and projects for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

SB 922 modifies the CEQA exemptions provided by SB 288 to include additional project types that will further expedite the delivery of clean transportation options and expand access to alternative modes of mobility.

With the enactment of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, project streamlining will help agencies like SamTrans and the TA to leverage new funding opportunities to support the state's economic recovery and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 922 at the appropriate time.

Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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

Carter Mau
Acting General Manager/CEO/Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached Notice of Intent for the East Palo Alto - 2194 University Avenue Gas Station Improvements project.

It was brought to our attention that the previous NOI that was sent out on Friday, August 12th included broken links. Those links have been fixed in the attached NOI.

Interested residents, agencies and other concerned citizens may transmit their concerns or comments within the public review period. Please direct your comments regarding potential environmental impacts to:

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Regards,
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Interested Individuals, Reviewing Agencies, County Clerk of San Mateo County

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with Section 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code.

This is to advise that the **City of East Palo Alto Planning Division** has prepared an **Initial Study** for the project identified below and intends to adopt a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** on the project. The minimum review period for this document is thirty (30) days. The document is available for review at the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division office, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto and online at <https://www.cityofepa.org/planning/page/ceqa-notices>

Project Location: 2194 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Project Title: 2194 University Avenue Gas Station Improvements

Project Description: The proposed project is a remodel and construction of additions to an existing three-pump gas station. The proposed project includes demolition and replacement of the existing three pumps, awning and underground storage tanks, and construction of a new convenience store, parking, and car wash tunnel. The proposed carwash tunnel would be placed on the west side of the site adjacent to University Avenue. The proposed convenience store would be placed near the southeast interior corner of the project site. Access to the site is provided on University Avenue and Bell Street and would remain unchanged by the project.

Public Review and Comment: The review period for the draft MND extends from **August 12, 2022 to September 12, 2022 (30 days)**. Comments on the draft MND must be submitted in writing to the Planning Division at the address below prior to the close of the public comment period. The Initial Study and draft MND are available for review during the circulation period at <https://www.cityofepa.org/planning/page/ceqa-notices> or in print at the City of East Palo Alto Planning Division office, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto during normal office hours. A copy is also available at the San Mateo County Public Library located at 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the project, the Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been tentatively scheduled before the **Planning Commission on September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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