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October 24, 2022

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for US 101/Woodside Road Interchange and Port Access Project

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the Caltrans/City of Redwood City application for 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding for the US 101/Woodside Road Interchange and Port Access Project (Project). The requested funds will enable completion of the Project's Right of Way phase.

The TA was formed in 1988 to administer the proceeds from voter approved transportation sales tax measures to support county-wide transportation projects and programs. The TA works closely with our local jurisdictions to help to increase mobility, improve multimodal safety, promote the creation of jobs, and provide solutions for congestion relief throughout San Mateo County.

The existing 101/Woodside interchange was built in 1959 and is well past its useful life. Single lane off ramps and traffic conflicts creates extensive daytime congestion. This project proposes to make infrastructure improvements critical to daily operations and cargo movements at the Port of Redwood City (Port). The improvements proposed as part of this project are consistent with the TA's mission and vision for a safer, better connected San Mateo County. To further this mission, the TA has invested almost \$12 million toward pre-construction phases and has set aside an initial \$70 million toward the future construction project.

The project will improve interchange ramp intersections to increase safety and reduce congestion for passenger vehicles and trucks. This will enhance Port and industry truck movements to and from US 101 by improving traffic operations and reducing exposures to collisions caused by backups onto the freeway. The TA also applauds the project's efforts to improve multimodal safety in this SB 535 designated disadvantaged community. The project will provide new sidewalks for people walking and new separated bikeways and multiuse paths for people biking across US 101 where no active transportation facilities currently exist. Additionally, the project will also create safer connections to a future ferry terminal at the Port of Redwood City which is currently under development and also funded in by the TA in partnership with the City of Redwood City and the Port.

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We commend Caltrans and the City of Redwood City for sponsoring this regionally significant project and hope you will prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,

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

Carter Mau
Acting Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors