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February 9, 2023

Chad Edison  
Chief Deputy Secretary, Rail and Transit  
California State Transportation Agency  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support of South San Francisco's TIRCP Grant Application for the Linden Avenue and Scott Street Grade Separation Project

Dear Deputy Secretary Edison:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit Authority (TA), I write in support of the City of South San Francisco and City of San Bruno's 2023 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant application for the Linden Avenue and Scott Street Grade Separation Project. There are over 10,000 at-grade railroad crossings in the State of California, and the Linden Avenue and the Scott Street at-grade railroad crossings rank 10<sup>th</sup> in the California Public Utilities Commission's Grade Separation Priority List. The project study report was completed in April 2021 and the project is entering its preliminary engineering design phase.

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

We are continually reminded of just how dangerous this crossing remains. In 2022, there was a fatality where a train struck a motor vehicle at the Scott Street at-grade crossing. In 2019, another fatality occurred when a train struck a pedestrian at the same crossing. These incidents remind us of the importance of the grade separation project, which will solve the problem by completely and permanently separating the railroad from all vehicular and other traffic.

The TA has partnered with the cities of South San Francisco and San Bruno on this project and is committed to help bring it to a "shovel-ready" state. With 2023 TIRCP funding, this critical infrastructure will improve public safety, reduce traffic, facilitate active transportation modes, support increased access, and invigorate the economic vitality of San Bruno, South San Francisco, and the region - while allowing train service to increase and meet statewide and regional mobility needs.

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Thank you for your consideration of this application. We hope you will prioritize it for TIRCP funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

April Chan  
Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors