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May 6, 2024

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Request for State Route 84 - United States 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the City of Redwood City (City) application for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) funding for the State Route (SR) 84 - United States (US) 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project). The requested funds will enable the completion of the Project's construction phase.

The Project provides a multimodal transportation solution to reduce congestion, increase freight efficiency, and enhance safety and accessibility for motorized and non-motorized roadway users. The existing interchange was constructed in 1959 and is well past its lifespan. Free flow single lane off-ramps and traffic conflicts create bottlenecks and mobility burdens, resulting in safety hazards and goods movement delays. The Project will reconfigure the interchange ramps, increase ramp vehicle storage, and signalize ramp terminal intersections to reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability, and increase efficiency of all Port of Redwood City (Port) shipments traveling through the interchange. The Project also provides safe active transportation facilities where none currently exist, including designated sidewalks, multi-use pathways, and striped and protected bikeways along SR 84 and Seaport Boulevard and across the US 101 barrier.

Modernization of the interchange will stimulate economic development by improving freight mobility and goods movement near the Port and surrounding industrial centers. The Project supports Federal and State transportation goals to reduce fatalities and severe injuries and implements a Safe System Approach by facilitating safe travel for people walking and biking and by reducing disaster response times at the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated Federal Staging Area at the Port of Redwood City. The Project's active transportation components and transit reliability improvement will encourage mode shift to lower-carbon transportation modes and increase accessibility for members of nearby underserved communities to reach employment centers.

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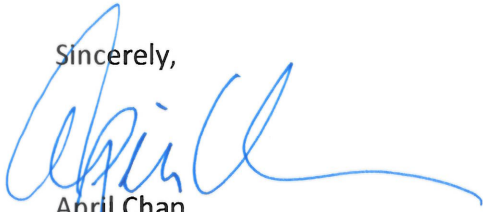
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The TA administers Measures A and W, two ½-cent sales taxes dedicated to transportation projects and programs in San Mateo County. This project is named in the original 1988 Measure A Expenditure Plan and aligns with the 2004 Measure A and 2018 Measure W Expenditure Plans. The TA has been committed to funding this project throughout its development and it's identified in the TA's Short Range Highway Plan as a project of countywide significance. To date, the project has been allocated approximately \$149 million in TA sales tax funding and is consistently one of the highest scoring projects.

The TA would like to thank USDOT for considering this Project. It will transform the City and surrounding region and will support the economic vitality of the Peninsula. If you have any questions, please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com).

Sincerely,



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Cc: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors



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The Project will address two significant transportation infrastructure barriers (US 101 and SR 84) that separate historically disadvantaged communities from jobs, services and recreational opportunities. The existing SR 84/US 101 interchange was constructed in 1959, doesn't meet current design standards and lacks facilities for people walking and biking. The Project will reconnect communities across these barriers and increase safety for all road users by replacing and reconfiguring on-and-off ramps, providing ramp vehicle storage capacity, installing signalized ramp terminal intersections, and providing new bikeways and sidewalks.

The Project embraces a Safe Systems Approach by implementing context-appropriate roadway design and safety countermeasures to protect vehicles and vulnerable users, reducing travel times for emergency vehicles to hospitals, and reducing disaster response times from the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated Federal Staging Area at the Port of Redwood City. The Project aligns with Federal, State, regional, and local planning goals and objectives, particularly concerning roadway safety improvements, improving facilities for bicycling and walking, supporting economic development and goods movement, improving air quality and sustainability, and expanding access for low-income communities.

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A very good article from last fall about a report from NextGen Policy. Relevant to the proposals before us to widen freeways, widen interchanges, and add interchanges.

<https://cal.streetsblog.org/2023/09/26/california-has-to-stop-building-freeways-now> about the report <https://climate100.nextgenpolicy.org/california-at-a-crossroads-unleashing-climate-progress-in-transportation-planning/>

One important implication of this phenomenon often goes overlooked: in virtually every scenario relevant to the U.S. transportation context, once highway capacity is built, the associated increase in [driving] cannot be undone through expansions in public transit.

That highway capacity will hold VMT [vehicle miles traveled] at a new, elevated level, and **cannot be mitigated by simply adding transit capacity concurrently**. Attempts to mitigate induced travel with investments in transit, active transportation, and various forms of transportation demand management [TDM] will be undone as the newly freed space on the highway backfills with new cars.

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Drive a bike a bit more often and cars a bit less. You'll be healthier and happier, and so will our world.

Reach out if you'd like to learn to cycle more safely ([LCI #7105](#)).

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