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April 15, 2022

The Honorable Alex Lee  
Member of the California State Assembly  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for AB 1944 (Lee)**

Dear Assemblymember Lee:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of AB 1944 (Lee).

This bill would allow members of a local legislative body, upon majority vote, to waive the Brown Act requirements of publishing their private address on the meeting agenda and making this address open and accessible to members of the public. It would also require a remote participation option for members of the public to address the body.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, SamTrans and TA Board Members have actively participated remotely in official business and have shown effective leadership in this remote setting.

AB 1944 ensures that Brown Act bodies can vote to allow their members to teleconference into a meeting without having to reveal private addresses or make private addresses accessible to the public, while continuing performing their official duties. It also ensures that members of the public can address their elected officials either through a call-in or video option, guaranteeing that they are able to participate in government, even while in a remote meeting setting.

AB 1944 strikes the right balance of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of a serving board member, while ensuring members of the public have additional options to access their local government officials.

For these reasons, I write in support of AB 1944. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto: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  
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The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 4203  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 922 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption:  
Transportation-Related Projects. – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Portantino:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in **SUPPORT** of 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, temporarily exempting from CEQA certain clean transportation projects, including 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. In addition, SB 922 eliminates the sunset on these exemptions. 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 **SUPPORT** SB 922. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com) if you have any questions or need additional information.

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April 7, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC, 20590

**Subject: Support for RAISE Application for US 101/SR 92 Area Improvement and Multimodal Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write in support of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's application for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to help fund the United States Highway 101 and State Route 92 (US 101 /SR 92) Area Improvement and Multimodal Project. This project is co-sponsored by the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County.

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange is an essential connection to the San Francisco Airport, South San Francisco biotech industries, the Silicon Valley as well as major East Bay destinations. Under normal conditions, over 345,000 vehicles travel through this interchange each day, which is consistently identified as the worst interchange in the County in terms of congestion and extended delays.

Throughout the Bay Area, we are seeing a return to pre-pandemic levels of traffic, where heavy traffic volumes and inadequate capacity at this interchange can cause traffic to slow to as little as seven miles per hour during both the morning and afternoon peak periods. These delays often result in miles of traffic in multiple directions as well as significant congestion on our local streets.

RAISE grant funding will help fund construction related to the realignment of the 101/92 Interchange, implementation of dedicated bicycle facilities and pedestrian access improvements in the area, as well as construction of a transit mobility hub. The project will ease congestion by improving traffic flow, reducing hazardous vehicle weaving incidents, improving safety conditions and local connections to and from the highway. The proposed bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements, and new transit mobility hub aim to support commute alternatives and improve local access for all modes of transportation. The expected increase in the use of sustainable

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modes of travel, namely walking; cycling and use of transit, will also help reduce GHG emissions and improve overall quality of life.

SamTrans has long advocated for the need to be able to move more people in fewer vehicles, encourage increased transit use, reduce carbon emissions and ease congestion, and we understand the long-term benefits this regionally significant project could bring San Mateo County and the entire Bay Area. We hope you will prioritize it for RAISE Grant funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Acting General Manager/CEO

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**Subject:** PGE Trimming Case # 9415348427 El Camino Real (includes Samtrans problems too)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 9:13:17 AM

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Dear David,

I called the PGE Tree Trimming Number 800 468 4743.  
This was the proper procedure to follow.

Case # 941 534 8427 is assigned to the El Camino Real Monterey Cypress Tree encroaching the PGE Power Pole & into ATT / COMCAST lines.

Had we known this was the proper procedure to follow, this problem may have been solved Summer 2021.

I provided PGE with contact information for:

Paul Wilson, David Canepa, Michael Richardson, PGE staff involved.  
Their email addresses are above.

The PGE Safety Webinar next Wednesday is from 1730 - 1900.

I hereby request SSF PD assign an officer to deal with the traffic aspects of this 70+ year old problem.

I expect Phil Perry will refer this to Eunejune Kim & Code Enforcement.

City Manager Captain Mike Futrell already requested the survey monuments be reestablished.  
Eunejune Kim can revert to Mike on this.

SSF already has the maps that Paul Wilson, Ann Stillman sent out.

I downloaded my December photos into this computer.  
They are available on request.

SSF PD Officers have visited this area at my request.  
These include Matthew O'Connor, Danny Gil, Fahmida Murphy, Kathleen

Walsh.

We should have had procedures in place to properly move this problem forward.

Mike Richardson & I have beat our heads against walls to get this far.

I again request SSF PD TAC review this problem.  
There are 9 PGE poles between Arlington & Hickey with no road lights.  
When lights are installed, I request they be Type 4, 3000K lights.

Samtrans cannot improve their bus stop until Caltrans improves the road.  
Caltrans cannot improve the road until PGE removes the safety problems.

SSF PD needs residents on the TAC.

The fence at Costco has been broken for many months.  
It is right at the crosswalk. This is a safety problem for school children.

I can forward the PGE Webinar email to anyone who wants it.  
I sent this to David last night.

I will ask David to get SMC procedures implemented for future PGE tree  
trimming problems.  
The whole county should be able to just call 800 468 4743.

Mike