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January 10, 2024

Mr. Sean Charpentier, Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Letter of Support for a San Mateo Countywide Active Transportation Plan
Grant Application (Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant
Program)

Dear Mr. Charpentier:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I am writing to express my support for the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG's) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application for a comprehensive and inclusive Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

The countywide ATP will promote walking and bicycling through infrastructure and programmatic improvements, such as increasing the connectivity and expanding the network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities for a diverse population in San Mateo County. Projects identified in the Plan intend to reduce air pollution and promote a healthy lifestyle.

With newer mobility options like e-bikes becoming more available, this Plan also aims to identify facilities and infrastructure (charging stations) necessary to facilitate longer distance bike travel and recreation opportunities along the San Mateo County coast. Integrating technologies such as drones and artificial intelligence into sidewalk inventory will mark the initial phase of assessing deficiencies within the infrastructure. This evaluation will inform targeted investments to remedy gaps and enhance accessibility, as sidewalks stand as a cornerstone of inclusive and accessible transportation.

Additionally, this Plan will focus on identifying historically underserved and marginalized communities within the San Mateo County context. This strategic initiative will enable C/CAG and its partner agencies to prioritize bike and pedestrian investments within these communities, striving towards the advancement of equity as a primary objective.

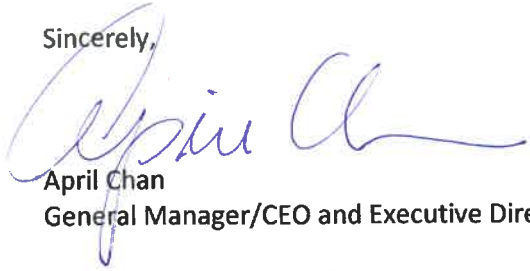
SamTrans and the TA are both committed to providing the public with high-quality, safe, and efficient transportation systems that enhance quality of life by increasing access and mobility, reducing congestion, improving the environment, and promoting economic vitality. Supporting the public's access to improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities are critical elements of this commitment. For these reasons, we fully support C/CAG's grant application and their continued efforts to make bicycle and pedestrian facilities safer, reduce congestion, and support inter-jurisdictional travel by foot, bike, and other transportation options.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. We hope you will prioritize it for funding.

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

Sincerely,



April Chan
General Manager/CEO and Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors