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February 21, 2024

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

RE: City of Burlingame's FY2024 RAISE Grant Application for Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write in support of the City of Burlingame's application under the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation grant program for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project (the Project).

Through this project, the City intends to bring Old Bayshore Highway's sidewalks into ADA compliance; improve efficiency of the corridor; provide improvements that benefit bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and motorists; and address stormwater, sea level, and other environmental concerns.

The Project aims to revitalize Old Bayshore Highway by embracing a Complete Streets approach, which would create a model of sustainability and connectivity. The project will improve roadway safety for all travelers and foster connectivity through enhanced multimodal transportation options. Finally, the project will establish a resilient and interconnected transportation network elevating the overall quality of life of Burlingame residents and facilitate economic development along Old Bayshore Highway.

RAISE grant funding will empower the City to pursue its vision for Old Bayshore Highway, which is to create a regional hub for recreation and business. The vision includes enhanced parks, natural open spaces, and recreational amenities that provide enjoyable spaces for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

SamTrans and the TA are both committed to providing the public with high-quality, safe, and accessible transportation systems that enhance quality of life by increasing access and mobility, reducing congestion, improving the environment, and promoting economic vitality. The City of Burlingame's efforts to enhance ADA

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compliance, corridor efficiencies, and transportation improvements in their city are emblematic of this commitment.

For these reasons, SamTrans and the TA support Burlingame's application for FY 2024 RAISE grant funding for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project. We hope you will consider it for funding. 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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General Manager/CEO/Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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