

May 10, 2023

Chairperson Lee Ann Eager California Transportation Commission 1120 N Street MS 52 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> CTC Item 4.24: Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program—State Route 84 Historic Parkway Project—Request for Advance Funding under Assembly Bill 1386 and Approval of the Updated Priority List Resolution LATIP 2223-01

Dear Chairperson Eager:

I am writing to express my strong support for Action Item 4.24: Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program—State Route 84 Historic Parkway Project— Request for Advance Funding under Assembly Bill 1386 and Approval of the Updated Priority List Resolution LATIP 2223-01 on your May 2023 agenda.

As the Mayor of Union City, and member of both the Alameda County Transportation Commission and the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission, I know how important these transportation funding mechanisms are to the delivery of local projects. I am supportive of the City of Fremont's request to advance funding for Phase 1 of the Existing SR 84 Improvements Project. The project will repair damaged pavement along the relinquished corridor and will restore the street surface to full serviceability, increasing safety and providing better accessibility for the community, a project certainly worth expediting.

I am also very supportive of the Commission approving the updated Priority List. As a representative of our City, Alameda County's Transportation Commission, and the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), I know there was collaboration at all levels to define the projects and refine the costs. The agencies should be commended for their cooperation, and this fully supported outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Dutra-Vernaci Mayor, City of Union City

CC:

CTC Vice Chair Carl Guardino CTC Interim Executive Director Tanisha Taylor MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza MTC Executive Director Andrew Fremier Alameda CTC Chair John Bauters Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel Fremont Mayor Lily Mei

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## SUBJECT: Support for May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> CTC Item 4.24: Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program; State Route 84 Historic Parkway Project; Request for Advance Funding and Approval of the Updated Priority List Resolution LATIP 2223-01

Dear Chairperson Eager:

I am writing to express support from the City of Fremont for Item 4.24 which updates the Project Priority List for the Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP) for the State Route 84 Historic Parkway previously approved by the CTC. This action also provides Advanced Funding authority for the City of Fremont's Centerville Complete Streets Project allowing reimbursement from future LATIP funds for the costs of repairing damaged pavement for a portion of the relinquished SR84 as provided in the approved LATIP priority list.

Approval of this item will allow the Centerville Complete Streets Project along portions of Fremont Boulevard and Thornton Avenue to proceed with construction later this year. The project provides: improved facilities for walking and bicycling, including access to local schools; enhanced traffic safety features; and repair of deteriorated pavement conditions.

Bringing the relinquished SR84 to a state of good repair is the third priority project in the LATIP Priority List adopted by the CTC in 2009. At this time, an updated cost estimate of \$17.72 million has been approved by the LATIP Committee consisting of Caltrans, CTC staff, Alameda CTC, along with the three involved cities of Newark, Union City, and Fremont. The Committee also recommended that the CTC be asked to adopt minor revisions to the priority list to reflect new project names and sponsors along with a new table that provides the expected/committed LATIP revenue from the excess land sales along with its allocations to the various LATIP projects previously approved by the CTC.

As the Mayor of Fremont and a member of the Alameda CTC, I fully recognize the benefits of actions like these that help local agencies expedite project delivery and provide added flexibility. Your consideration of Item 4.24 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lily Mei, Mayor

Cc: CTC Vice Chair Carl Guardino CTC Interim Executive Director Tanisha Taylor