

May 11, 2018

Ms. Fran Inman, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Grant Application For The Peninsula U.S. 101 Corridor – SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Inman,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, we are writing to convey our strong support of the CTC staff recommendation to allocate \$233 million in funding from the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and \$20 million from the Local Partnership Program (LPP) for the Peninsula US 101 (US 101) Managed Lanes Project. We urge your adoption of the staff recommendation when it is presented at the Commission's May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This transformative project, which is also sponsored by Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), will create a High-Occupancy Toll lane network of 41.3 miles along the US 101 from Interstate 380 in South San Francisco, San Mateo County to State Route 237 in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County through a series of auxiliary, mixed flow, and carpool lane conversions. The result will be a continuous managed lane in each direction on US 101 between SR 237 and I-380.

We understand that the project has been ranked as the number one statewide priority. The private sector has made an unprecedented \$50 million private sector contribution towards the project. This substantial investment is an acknowledgement that public-private collaboration is imperative in sustaining the region's economic vitality and improving the quality of life for Bay Area residents and commuters. With the proposed funding, we will be able to complete a project in a very congested transportation corridor in the San Francisco Peninsula. This project will complement sustained efforts to expand Caltrain service, which is currently at capacity, as well as increased bus and ferry service to provide a myriad of transportation solutions to support growth in one of the strongest economies in the State.

The US 101 Corridor directly serves over a dozen cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, functioning as the primary transportation, economic, employment, and housing link in the county and the Bay Area Peninsula. The completion of this project is fundamental to the vitality and future growth of every sector in the local, regional, and state economies. US 101 cuts through the heart of Silicon Valley, which produces nearly 25% of the state's gross domestic product (GDP). Regionally, the San Francisco Bay Area's GDP growth has outpaced that of the country in every quarter since 2010, with a compounded annual growth rate of 3.1%, more than double that of a

group of peer regions that includes New York, Los Angeles, Austin, Boston, Seattle, and San Diego.

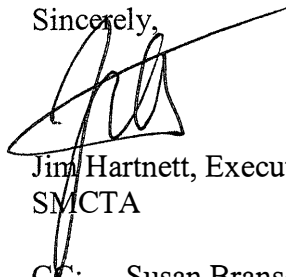
The corridor also encompasses major global institutions and destinations, such as Stanford University, University of California at San Francisco, and the San Francisco International Airport, which ranks 16<sup>th</sup> worldwide in number of flights. The project is located in a main California trade corridor and within this project area the corridor provides access to two international airports, two industrial ports (Oakland and San Francisco), and three bridges (Bay Bridge, Dumbarton, San Mateo) that span the San Francisco Bay.

Unfortunately, this corridor is also home to some of the nation's worst traffic congestion. According to MTC, congestion-related delays have increased nearly 80 percent since 2010 and impact hundreds of thousands of travelers each day. It is estimated that congestion along this corridor results in \$5.4 billion in lost economic productivity every year and the average delay per person has reached as high as 80 hours per year.

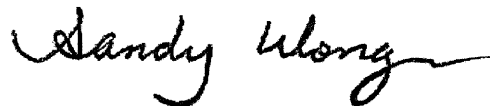
This historic public-private partnership is the perfect candidate for the SCCP and LPP because it will substantially reduce congestion, while increasing safety, reliability and throughput for commuters and Peninsula residents, allowing for faster travel times and enabling mode shifts to major employment centers, which are vital to the continuance of the state's economic prosperity.

Thank you for your consideration. We respectfully urge your support for this project.

Sincerely,



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