

December 13, 2018

The Honorable MaryAnn Moise Derwin, Chair
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: US 101 Express Lane Project

Dear Chair Derwin:

Facebook appreciates that the C/CAG staff and board, San Mateo County Transit District, Caltrans, MTC, the Counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara, and the cities in San Mateo County are advancing the US 101 express lane project.

With regards to the decision before you to select an owner/operator model for the current project, we believe that C/CAG staff has developed a comprehensive list of conditions under Option 1 to ensure BIAFA constructs and operates the express lane in a manner which will ensure San Mateo County policymakers retain local control over the investment of future toll revenues generated in San Mateo County.

While Facebook respects whichever final decision the C/CAG board makes for an owner/operator model, we would like to highlight the benefits of consistency and regional interoperability if the BAIFA model is selected:

- Potential prioritization of the construction of the US 101 express lanes north of I-380 and into San Francisco over other express lane projects in the region;
- Seamless integration with MTC's planning and implementation efforts for Dumbarton Forward, which is an MTC program identifying a range of easily implemented, near-term improvements that would optimize traffic operations and influence mode shift to increase person throughput within the Dumbarton Corridor;
- Future enhanced coordination between the US 101 express lane project and future Regional Measure 3 (RM3) investments in San Mateo County such as the 101/92 interchange project;
- Leverage the financial security of BAIFA's financing authority and their proven ability to construct and operate the existing network of East Bay express lanes.

Facebook looks forward to our continued partnership with the public agencies working to improve mobility in San Mateo County. Since we cannot be present at this month's Board meeting, we ask that Executive Director Wong consider reading this letter to the Board as part of the public record.

Sincerely,



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Head of Regional Transportation Strategy