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Don Horsley, Chair
San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Ave
San Carlos, CA 94070
(Transmitted via E-mail)

Dear Chair Horsley,

I am deeply appreciative of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee's diligent effort to hash out the owner/operator issues for the 101 Managed Lanes project. Both boards have identified the pros and cons of each option, one of which is "local control."

The ability to control the programming and the revenue, a.k.a., local control, has become one of the principal arguments for those who support the San Mateo County ownership model. As such, I strongly urge the Joint Ad Hoc Committee, at your January 25th meeting, to flesh out the specifics of equitable local governance in the conversation about the ownership model. Success of local control can only be demonstrated by the success of C/CAG and the TA agreeing on a detailed plan for balanced governance, including administration and oversight.

C/CAG appreciates that the TA Board is open to a joint decision making governance model of either a joint committee of C/CAG and TA Board members or a JPA to be formed by C/CAG and the TA with members from each board. I also urge the Joint Ad Hoc Committee to consider, in its deliberation of governance, the logistics of which entity (or entities) will execute agreements with the operator, adopt revenue expenditure plans, toll policies, equity program, as well as how property ownership and liabilities will be shared, and who will provide directions to staff, etc. There is much to be clarified before a sound decision can be reached as to whether it is possible for the two agencies to share ownership.

One significant advantage of forming a JPA is that AB 194 clearly states that a Joint Powers Exercise Authority is eligible to apply to the CTC for express lane authority. This would be a more direct, efficient method to implement the model of San Mateo County as owner and BAIFA as operator. It would also provide San Mateo County legal certainty to make all toll policy and toll authority related decisions.

Again, thank you for your hard work sorting out this extraordinarily thorny issue. I am optimistic that you will collaboratively push through all the chaos and come to a reasonable shared decision that reflects a true partnership between C/CAG and the TA, and, more importantly, best serves the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,



Maryann Moise Derwin, Chair

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