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Brian P. Kelly
Chief Executive Officer, California High Speed Rail Authority
Attn: San Francisco to San Jose Project Section: Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
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RE: Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS Comment- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the High-Speed Rail Revised Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS (SDEIR). C/CAG is the County Transportation Agency (CTA) for San Mateo County and is also the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County.

C/CAG represents all of San Mateo County's 766,573 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors that includes a seat for every jurisdiction in San Mateo County. San Mateo County is an integral part of the dynamic Silicon Valley/San Francisco economic region. San Mateo County is home to 16 of the top 100 employers and 26 of the top 50 biopharma employers in the Bay Area.

The High-Speed Rail project (Project) consists of constructing improvements that would allow High Speed Rail (HSR) operation between San Jose and San Francisco. Specifically, the Project will construct significant track modifications, modifications to up to 7 Caltrain stations in San Mateo County, and 29 modifications to at-grade crossings in San Mateo County. The HSR alignment directly impacts 11 of the 20 cities in the County representing approximately 60% of the total County population. As such, the Project will be one of the most transformative capital projects in San Mateo County. The Project also has the potential to be one of the most potentially disruptive capital projects in the history of San Mateo County unless the Project sponsor closely collaborates with local jurisdictions to minimize the potential negative impacts. We encourage HSR to work with the City of Millbrae on an alternative that could be supported by all the stakeholders.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the SDEIR and DEIR, and look forward to your responses. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Thank you,



Sean Charpentier
Executive Director