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September 13, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1499 (Daly): Transportation: Design-Build: Highways – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), I am writing to respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 1499, which eliminates the sunset in current statute authorizing the use of design-build procurement methodology for construction projects on state highways.

In 2013, Assemblymember Daly's bill AB 401 authorized Caltrans to use design-build procurement for up to 10 projects on the state highway and expressway system, and provided specified regional transportation agencies with unlimited authority to use design-build procurement for projects on or adjacent to the state highway system including related non-highway portions of the project.

Unfortunately, the design-build authority granted by AB 401 sunsets on January 1, 2024. Major construction projects, especially those involving state highways and expressways, are typically planned years in advance due to funding requirements and other obligations. Without an extension of the existing authorization, local and regional transportation agencies, including C/CAG, as well as Caltrans, would lose the ability to leverage design-build as an available option for future construction projects.

AB 1499 will provide certainty and potential cost savings for future highway construction projects by eliminating the sunset date and thus extending design-build authorization permanently. We respectfully ask for your signature on AB 1499.

Sincerely,



Marie Chuang, Chair  
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County