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July 8, 2022

The Honorable U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Congressionally Directed Spending requests to improve safety and enhance resiliency in San Mateo County

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Government of San Mateo County (C/CAG), we write to thank you for submitting the following congressionally directed spending requests for projects that will improve safety and increase resiliency in the San Mateo County region:

- \$5 million in Transportation, Housing, & Urban Development (THUD) Highway Infrastructure Projects funding for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to advance the realignment of the US 101/SR 92 interchange, implement dedicated bike lane facilities and pedestrian access improvements in the area, and implement new transit mobility hub. C/CAG is a close partner on this top priority project, which will reduce congestion, improve traffic safety, and decrease emissions.
- \$2.4 million in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) Clean Water funds for C/CAG to advance the San Bruno Multi-Benefit Regional Stormwater Capture project, which includes the construction of a subsurface stormwater retention system that will alleviate flooding in a low-income community and improve groundwater quality. The project also has the potential to support the beneficial reuse of stormwater for irrigating neighboring parks and supporting water conservation.
- \$760,000 in THUD Highway Infrastructure Projects funding for C/CAG for the planning and final design of a 3.7-mile protected bike lane along the heavily trafficked, high-speed El Camino Real to enhance safety for bicyclists. The project will also provide connectivity between multiple transportation modes within disadvantaged communities.

We also write to urge you to convey the importance of these requests to the relevant Senate Appropriations Subcommittee members as the 2023 appropriations bills go to markup. For the US 101/SR 92 request and the El Camino Real Bike Lane request for Highway Infrastructure Projects funds, we encourage you to reach out to Chairman Brian Schatz, Ranking Member Susan Collins, and other members of the THUD subcommittee to voice your continued support. For the San Bruno Multi-Benefit Regional Stormwater Capture request for EPA STAG funds, we encourage you to reach out to Chairman Jeff Merkley, Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski, and other members of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee to voice your support.

We encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or requests for additional information throughout the markup process. And again, we thank you for submitting these important projects to the subcommittees. We know our projects will benefit communities around the region by improving safety, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing resiliency.

Sincerely,



Davina Hurt
Chair, C/CAG Board