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Drew Bohan California Energy Commission 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: GFO-22-610 Convenient, High-Visibility, Low-Cost, Level 2 Charging (CHiLL-2)

Dear Executive Director Bohan,

On behalf of C/CAG, I am writing in support of Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) application to the California Energy Commission's Grant Funding Opportunity for Convenient, High-Visibility, Low-Cost, Level 2 Charging (CHiLL-2). C/CAG is the County Transportation Agency (CTA) and also the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County.

C/CAG represents all of San Mateo County's 764,442 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors that includes a seat for every jurisdiction in San Mateo County. C/CAG works to improve mobility, the environment, and equity throughout San Mateo County. This project advances all of C/CAG's goals.

This project will provide access to, improve public awareness of, and confidence in Level 2 charging through high-density, high-visibility installations at two BART stations: Daly City and Colma. These BART stations are near multifamily housing, workplaces, and public destinations such as medical facilities, schools, colleges, and retail locations. These parking facilities are in low-income communities and provide an opportunity to site publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure to support robust EV adoption.

As an integral part of the Bay Area transportation system, BART plays a critical role in reducing the environmental footprint. BART supports the public adoption of electric vehicles, which have fewer GHG emissions and pollutants than standard internal combustion engine vehicles. While BART prioritizes active transportation connections to stations, there are a portion of users who must drive, and their emissions will be lower if using an electric vehicle.

We fully support BART in its efforts to bring these additional benefits to the Bay Area. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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