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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1798 (Papan) Stormwater Runoff – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wilson:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, I write in **SUPPORT** of AB 1798 (Papan), which would require Caltrans and the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to develop a programmatic environmental review process to prevent toxic compounds generated from vehicle tires from entering salmon and steelhead trout bearing waters. The bill would require Caltrans' to include a pilot project at an unspecified location to study the effectiveness of installing and maintaining bioretention and biofiltration systems, to prevent vehicle-tire-wear-related water quality impacts to aquatic life.

C/CAG manages the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (Program), which supports municipalities and the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline) in reducing the pollution carried by stormwater into local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. The Program conducts water quality monitoring in creeks and storm drain systems throughout San Mateo County to assess the conditions of local waterways with respect to numerous pollutant-specific water quality standards and objectives, established by the State Water Resources Control Board. Additionally, the Program contributes annually the San Mateo County population-based share of stormwater program funding to the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) administered by the San Francisco Estuary Institute (Estuary Institute). In recent years the Estuary Institute has shifted

significant focus and resources on better understanding the presence and impacts of emerging contaminants in tributaries receiving stormwater runoff. Funding through the RMP is advancing important research on the class of compounds commonly found in tire vulcanization chemicals, which are known to have lethal effects on sensitive species, including salmonids which are present in several creeks within San Mateo County. San Mateo County, the 20 cities and towns in San Mateo County, and OneShoreline are all permittees under one regional urban stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

AB 1798 (Papan) has the potential to address the negative impacts particulate matter contaminants from vehicle tires has on our state's waterways and the fish and wildlife within these waters. The legislation proposes a much-needed programmatic environmental review process to ensure creeks and aquatic life are protected, while providing regulatory consistency among relevant agencies at the state scale. The legislation would also support development of a scientific basis for a programmatic approach that includes bioretention and biofiltration treatment options to comply with future regulations.

For these reasons, C/CAG respectfully asks that you please support AB 1798 when it is heard in your committee. Thank you for your consideration and please contact Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director at scharpentier@smcgov.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hurt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Davina Hurt, Chair
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

February 12, 2024

Grant Coordinator, Business Operations Division
 ATTN: Climate Resilience Regional Challenge
 NOAA Office for Coastal Management
 2234 South Hobson Avenue
 Charleston, SC 29405-2413

JOINT LETTER OF COLLABORATION: Implementing OneWatershed Climate Resilience Infrastructure in San Mateo County, California

We are writing to express our joint commitment of collaboration in the proposed grant-funded program titled, "Implementing OneWatershed Climate Resilience Infrastructure in San Mateo County" (the Program). This regional-scale coordinated grant application to the *Inflation Reduction Act: NOAA's Climate Resilience Regional Challenge* (CRRC) funding opportunity will support meaningful and lasting climate resilience efforts in several of the most vulnerable frontline communities across the San Francisco Peninsula in San Mateo County, CA and will be led by the following entities (the Partnership):

Lead Collaborator/Applicant
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County
Priority At-Risk Community Collaborators
City of Daly City
City of East
City of San Bruno
City of South San Francisco
Town of Colma
Lead Equity and Landscape Resilience Collaborators
Association of Ramaytush Ohlone
Climate Resilient Communities
EnviroCert National Green Infrastructure Certification Program
Green Schoolyards America (a project of the Earth Island Institute)
San Francisco Estuary Institute
San Mateo Resource Conservation District
San Jose Conservation Corps + Charter School
ReScape California
OneWatershed Agency Collaborators
Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)
San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline)
San Mateo County Office of Sustainability

Our Partnership, representing a uniquely qualified and broad constituency of adaptation experts in the fields of climate resilience, sea level rise adaptation, green stormwater infrastructure, water conservation, landscape ecology, indigenous cultures interpretation, environmental justice, schoolyard resilience, and work force development, is fully invested in advancing the goals outlined in NOAA's CRRC funding opportunity through our combined and collaborative efforts laid out in the proposed grant-funded Program. Our Partnership builds on years of prior climate adaptation planning efforts focusing

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on adaptation to the interrelated effects of climate change on watershed infrastructure and communities, as well as recent developments among Program partners under C/CAG's *San Mateo County OneWatershed Framework Project*.

The *San Mateo OneWatershed Framework* is an on-going planning and community engagement project, funded by the California Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program (ICARP) Adaptation Planning Grant Program, which focuses on addressing the shared risk of climate impacts on water infrastructure and resources (e.g., sewer, water, stormwater) in our most at-risk communities. Climate Resilient Communities is our lead community partner on the OneWatershed Framework project, spearheading an equitable engagement and inclusive planning process for the broader OneWatershed approach. NOAA funding will enable the Partnership to **implement** portions of the *San Mateo OneWatershed Framework* and other long-term, equitable climate resilience and adaptive capacity projects at a watershed scale. The Program's vision for effective resilience includes nature-based and hybrid green-gray infrastructure activities, integrated "OneWatershed" climate resilience program implementation, and a Work Force Development Pilot Program, which supports sustained and meaningful economic opportunities in the green jobs sector in San Mateo County and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Program will play a transformative role in changing how water and water-related climate change risk are managed in San Mateo County, and the Partnership represents a long-term, cross-sector collaboration of agencies, community organizations, and stakeholders seeking a more integrated and community-driven approach for addressing the most severe climate change impacts that are already having a serious impact on communities throughout the San Francisco Peninsula.

Specific project activities to be led by the Partnership are briefly outlined below.

- **C/CAG:**
 - Further develop and pilot the Regional Collaborative Program for advancing regional-scale multi-benefit stormwater capture projects, the OneWatershed Climate Resilience Framework, and the Pilot Workforce Development Program for Climate Resilience Infrastructure
 - Support community engagement for all activities, conducted through a community centered co-creation process
- **City of San Bruno:**
 - I-280/380 Regional Multi-benefit Stormwater Capture Project and associated improvements
 - OneWatershed Climate Resilience Pilot Project
- **City of Daly City:** Bayshore and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Sustainable Streets Project
- **City of East Palo Alto:** Fordham Street Sustainable Streets Project
- **Town of Colma:** El Camino Real Sustainable Streets Project
- **City of South San Francisco (South San Francisco-San Bruno Regional Water Quality Control Plant):**
 - Support to Program development
 - OneWatershed Climate Resilience Pilot Project (potential involvement if proposed connection to the regional wastewater facility)
- **San Mateo Resource Conservation District:** Pescadero Upper Town Reach Floodplain Restoration

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- **Association of Ramaytush Ohlone:** Support to Program development and strategic advisor to Pescadero Upper Town Reach Floodplain Restoration and OneWatershed Climate Resilience Pilot Project
- **Climate Resilient Communities:** Support community engagement for all activities, conducted through a community centered co-creation process
- **San Francisco Estuary Institute:** Support to Program development and strategic advisor to Pescadero Upper Town Reach Floodplain Restoration and OneWatershed Climate Resilience Pilot Project
- **Green Schoolyards America:** Support to Program development, focusing on integrating resilient schoolyards into school district facilities planning and implementation
- **ReScape California, San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School, and EnviroCert National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP):** Workforce Development Pilot Program
- **Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation District (BAWSCA):** Support to Program development on matters pertinent to water supply reliability
- **San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline):**
 - Support advancement of sea level rise and flood resilience in the San Bruno Creek Watershed following implementation of the OneWatershed Framework and Community-Led Plan in the San Bruno Creek Watershed area
 - Walnut Stormwater Pump Station and Creek Channel Restoration Project
 - OneWatershed Climate Resilience Pilot Project (potential project sponsor if proposed in OneShoreline's jurisdiction within San Bruno)
- **San Mateo County Office of Sustainability:** Support to Program development

Once the Program is implemented, the Partnership will be able to make ongoing and significant progress toward a cooperative and scalable approach for tackling the impacts of climate change on water infrastructure and resources, allowing us to build adaptive capacity within the Partnership and ensuring equitable distribution of funds for our most vulnerable communities. The intent of the Program is to create a model for OneWatershed Climate Resilience that could be leveraged by other agencies and organizations at the regional, state, and federal scale. The Program will be managed by C/CAG with support from the Partnership and additional community partners and stakeholders. Together, we look forward to making the vision for OneWatershed San Mateo County a reality.


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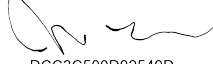
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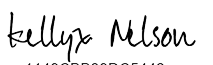
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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: City of Burlingame's FY2024 RAISE Planning Grant Application for Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) to express full support for the City of Burlingame's application under the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation grant program for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project (the Project). Through this project, the City intends to bring Old Bayshore Highway's sidewalks into ADA compliance; improve efficiency of the corridor; provide improvements that benefit bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and motorists; and address stormwater, sea level, and other environmental concerns. If awarded the \$2.5 million FY 2024 RAISE Grant, Burlingame will utilize the funds to prepare final engineering and design documents for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project.

In 2022, the City successfully completed a feasibility study of Old Bayshore Highway and the City's Bayfront, a critical phase in developing an overarching concept plan for Old Bayshore Highway, which stretches from Broadway to the northern city limit. This study lays the groundwork for the final design and guides private development along the corridor, including integrating the Bay Trail along the waterfront. With support from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the City will progress the Project from the feasibility study phase to the development of final design and engineering plans.

The Project aims to revitalize Old Bayshore Highway by embracing a Complete Streets approach, which would create a model of sustainability and connectivity. This transformative initiative will improve roadway safety for all travelers and foster connectivity through enhanced multimodal transportation options. By fortifying system-wide connectivity, the Project will establish a resilient and interconnected transportation network that will elevate the overall quality of life and facilitate economic development along Old Bayshore Highway. The support of DOT will empower the City to pursue its vision for Old Bayshore Highway, which is to create a regional hub for recreation and business. The vision includes enhanced parks, natural open spaces, and recreational amenities that provide enjoyable spaces for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

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C/CAG enthusiastically supports Burlingame's application for funding under the FY 2024 RAISE grant program [for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project](#). [Thank you again for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at \(415\) 370-2174 or \[scharpentier@smcgov.org\]\(mailto:scharpentier@smcgov.org\)](#)

[Sincerely,](#)

Sean Charpentier
Executive Director
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March 6, 2024

The Honorable Laphonza Butler
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request for SamTrans Bus Stop Amenity Improvements

Dear Senator Butler,

On behalf of C/CAG, I am writing in support of San Mateo County Transit District's (SamTrans) Congressionally Directed Spending Request of \$2.09 million for SamTrans Bus Stop Amenity Improvements as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process. This project will enhance facilities and amenities at 20 SamTrans bus stops throughout San Mateo County. With your support, SamTrans will improve its top priority bus stops at 20 locations in the Cities of San Mateo, South San Francisco, San Bruno, East Palo Alto, Belmont, Redwood City, and Daly City. SamTrans is prioritizing stops that have the highest ridership levels and are in most need of improvement. At each stop, SamTrans will install a new bus shelter with seating and protection from the sun, rain, and wind. Additionally, system maps, schedules, and real-time bus arrival information will be readily available for convenient trip planning. These enhancements will help address the needs of a significant portion of SamTrans riders, 64% of whom are at or below the Federal Poverty limit and nearly 75% of whom are without access to a car, providing a safer, dignified and more comfortable experience at bus stops.

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We applaud SamTrans' efforts to complete these improvements and we hope you will prioritize this funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

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February 15, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Request for State Route 84 - United States 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), I am writing in support of the Caltrans and City of Redwood City (City) application for 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the State Route (SR) 84 - United States (US) 101 Interchange Reimagined (Project). The requested funds will enable the completion of the Project's construction phase.

The existing interchange was constructed in 1959 and is well past its lifespan. Single lane off ramps and traffic conflicts create mobility burdens and increase safety hazards for all users. Currently, the interchange and SR 84 lack safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The interchange also creates a bottleneck for trucks entering and exiting the Port of Redwood City (Port), which impacts the local and regional economy. The Port is the only deepwater port in South San Francisco Bay, serving the entire Peninsula south of San Francisco and the broader Silicon Valley region. Additionally, the Port serves as a FEMA-designated federal emergency staging area. In the event of a disaster, critical supplies and resources can be shipped to the Port for distribution through the interchange.

The Project will improve interchange ramp intersections to increase safety and multimodal connectivity for all users. The Project will provide sidewalks, separated bikeways, and multi-use paths traveling along SR 84 and across US 101 where no active transportation facilities currently exist. This will improve access and mobility for underserved communities to economic opportunities, as well as encourage mode shift to low-carbon travel modes. The Project will also enhance commercial vehicle and intermodal freight to and from the Port and US 101 by improving traffic operations and safety and reducing travel times.

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C/CAG would like to thank USDOT for considering this Project. It will transform the City and surrounding regions and greatly support the economic vitality of the Peninsula. Thank you again for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 370-2174 or scharpentier@smcgov.org.

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