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June 27, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg United States Secretary of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DS 20590

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) STAGE 1 GRANT PROGRAM

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) to express support for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for their application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 Program for Connected and Shared Mobility (CSM) Data Platform.

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 climate resiliency, mobility, the environment, and equity throughout San Mateo County.

This project addresses a critical need for local agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area region with the development of a multi-modal regional mobility infrastructure data services platform, facilitating the delivery of critical mobility projects. This project will provide benefits to C/CAG and the Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) within San Mateo County. For example, this project can provide a centralized database of the County's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) assets and infrastructure, saving regional and local agency staff resources relating to collecting data to implement mobility projects and developer improvements. Access to this data may also help C/CAG better maintain existing infrastructure and help jurisdictions better respond to utility requests from developers.

C/CAG supports this important project and the benefits the project will have on the county and the larger Bay Area region. Thank you for your consideration of this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,

Sean Charpentier

**Executive Director** 

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