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August 15, 2024

San Mateo County Transportation Authority
c/o Patrick Gilster
1250 San Carlos Ave,
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

RE: Letter of Support for the Countywide Bicycle Trainers program

Dear San Mateo County Transportation Authority:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), I am pleased to express support for Commute.org's application for a San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Cycle 7, Planning and Promotions Projects (Non-Infrastructure) grant to provide funding for the Countywide Bicycle Trainers program.

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.

C/CAG is committed to addressing the safety and mobility challenges associated with bicycling in our community and across San Mateo County. The establishment of the Countywide Bicycle Trainers program holds significant potential to bring important benefits to our community by creating more qualified bicycle education instructors in San Mateo County, including those that are Spanish speaking. Additional benefits include enhancing bicycle safety, promoting better health, contributing to sustainability, and fostering a stronger sense of community. We look forward to this programming to help more people use the bicycle as a means of transportation, helping with the necessary mode shift resulting in reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, healthier lifestyles, and connected communities.

This program's funding and implementation will have a positive impact on people walking, biking, and driving, while also encouraging the adoption of alternative transportation methods to alleviate traffic congestion in San Mateo County.

For these reasons, we are proud to support Commute.org's application. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,



Sean Charpentier
Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)