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September 5, 2024

To: Britt Tanner, IDEA TSP Program Manager  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94105

From: Sean Charpentier  
Executive Director  
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County  
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RE: Letter of Support for San Mateo County Transit District's Countywide Transit Signal Priority – Network Optimization Working Group (TSP-NOW) Proposal to the Innovative Deployment to Enhance Arterials (IDEA) Program

Dear Ms. Tanner:

I am writing on behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) to express our support for the San Mateo County Transit District's (the District) Innovative Deployments to Enhance Arterials (IDEA) Grant application, seeking \$700,000 for a Countywide Transit Signal Priority – Network Optimization Working Group (TSP-NOW) Program. This project supports the transportation goals and objectives of C/CAG. Our agency is strongly supportive of programs like TSP-NOW that help the county reduce greenhouse gas emissions while creating a more effective, reliable and equitable transit system.

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.

Over the past several decades, C/CAG has explored and implemented transportation initiatives to improve how people and goods move through the county. This includes programs to implement a countywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). Through local and state partnerships, C/CAG has successfully implemented the San Mateo County Smart Corridor and Intelligent Transit Signal Priority (iTSP) projects. The iTSP pilot project in East Palo Alto resulted in reduced intersection delays and travel times for buses in the project corridor. The project showed the potential to reduce travel times for other bus routes, and C/CAG would be interested in expanding this project countywide in partnership with the District.

The District operates SamTrans transit service across 22 jurisdictions that own and operate traffic

signals, including cities, the County of San Mateo unincorporated areas, and Caltrans. The TSP-NOW program seeks to establish an inter-jurisdictional working group to develop countywide TSP policies and standards that promote interoperability, as well as identify program costs and planning requirements for a centralized/cloud-based TSP system. TSP-NOW will also help further optimize and refine the performance of the Smart Corridor and TSP on El Camino Real.

As a long-standing partner agency working with the District on various transportation-related efforts, we believe that this project will also promote equity across the county by improving operations of specific SamTrans routes that serve Metropolitan Transportation Commission's defined Equity Priority Communities.

C/CAG is offering our strong support for the District's IDEA Grant application and is looking forward to being a partner in this effort. We believe that the TSP-NOW Program is a strong fit for the IDEA Grant Program's goals, and we urge you to consider this application for funding support. Feel free to contact me at [scharpentier@smcgov.org](mailto:scharpentier@smcgov.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Charpentier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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