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January 16, 2025

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

Subject: Town of Colma's FY 2025 RAISE Planning Grant Application for the El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of C/CAG, I am writing to express our strong support for the Town of Colma's application, submitted in partnership with the City of South San Francisco, to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The requested funding will support the El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project.

C/CAG serves as the representative body for all 764,442 residents of San Mateo County, overseen by its 21-member Board of Directors, which includes a seat for every jurisdiction in the county. C/CAG's mission is to enhance mobility, promote environmental sustainability and equity, and prioritize safety across San Mateo County. The proposed project from the Town aligns seamlessly with all of C/CAG's overarching goals.

The Town of Colma is seeking funding for the design of pedestrian infrastructure improvements along El Camino Real, specifically Segment A from Albert M. Teglia to Mission Road in Colma, and Segment C from Arlington Drive to Hickey Boulevard in South San Francisco. These improvements will not only enhance multi-modal transportation options, but will also optimize traffic flow, improve safety, and provide greater accessibility for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. Additionally, the project will support future infill housing development in the area.

To meet its goals, the Project will carry out comprehensive street upgrades, featuring continuous sidewalks, protected bike lanes, ADA-compliant curb ramps, high-visibility crosswalks, enhanced street lighting, landscaping, stormwater management systems, bus stop enhancements, and new traffic signals. These upgrades will integrate with regional transit options, such as bus service along El Camino Real and connections to the Colma and South San Francisco BART stations.

We strongly support the Town's project and its commitment to enhancing safety, mobility, and network connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Sean Charpentier
Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County