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January 16, 2025

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

RE: City of Burlingame's FY 2025 RAISE Planning Grant Application for Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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 2025 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.

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.

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 aligns seamlessly with all of C/CAG's overarching goals.

If awarded the \$2.5 million FY 2025 RAISE Grant, Burlingame will utilize the funds to prepare final engineering and design documents for the Old Bayshore Complete Streets Project.

C/CAG enthusiastically supports Burlingame's application for funding under the FY 2025 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.

Sincerely,



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