Hello,

My name is Melanie Gee, and I am a San Mateo resident. I have learned through the public transportation nonprofit Seamless Bay Area that San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties are now closer towards participating in a regional transportation funding measure.

I would like to voice my support for this measure. I personally use CalTrain to commute to work 3-4 times per week, and occasionally use SamTrans to make short trips around San Mateo and Burlingame. I also frequently use CalTrain to see concerts and sporting events at venues like Chase Center and SAP Center, and a combination of SamTrans, CalTrain, and/or BART to get to and from SFO Airport.

Our community needs reliable, frequent, affordable, and accessible public transit to decrease our dependence on cars and the economic, environmental, and health-related hazards caused by cars, such as heavy traffic that can makes drivers more careless, economic costs on both the personal and community level when there are accidents, and dangerous pollution into neighborhoods from adjacent highways.

I support regional transit solutions that prevent cuts for all Peninsula region public transit agencies, as well as solutions that provide funding for enabling seamless coordination of fares, schedules, and paratransit, which would encourage even more residents to use these services.

Thank you for your time,

Melanie Gee