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April 22, 2025

The Honorable Sam Liccardo
United States House of Representatives
1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for the Mirada Road Resiliency Project – Community Project Funding Request

Dear Representative Liccardo,

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) strongly supports San Mateo County's (County) FY26 community project funding request of \$2 million for the Mirada Road Resiliency Project (Project).

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, as well as prioritizing safety throughout San Mateo County. The County's project aligns with C/CAG's goals.

Mirada Road is located along the coast of the Pacific Ocean at Half Moon Bay in El Granada, a census-designated place in unincorporated San Mateo County, California. Extreme weather and storm surges in 1970, 2009, 2016, and 2023 have repeatedly caused severe damage to the roadway, threatened critical public utilities under the roadway, and cut off access to businesses, residences, and important recreational destinations vital to the local economy. The County has repeatedly provided emergency repairs to Mirada Road and seeks federal assistance to provide long-term solutions for protecting and hardening the road.

The Project will identify, analyze, design, and implement long-term solutions to storm impacts and coastal erosion that have repeatedly damaged the roadway and threatened access to this culturally central and economically critical area. The Project will result in a set of bid-ready plans that the County will use to leverage further grant funding for construction. El Granada's tourism industry centers on outdoor activities and beaches, and is an integral part of the local economy, drawing visitors from throughout California and the United States. Mirada Road is a vital part of this tourist economy. Without a high level of protection, roadway erosion will likely continue and threaten to damage or destroy public utilities, businesses, residences, and historic and culturally significant infrastructure. Further, damage to public utilities will affect critical services to customers beyond the immediate project area. Identified solutions will strengthen Mirada Road's resiliency through engineering and nature-based solutions. Located in California's 16th District, the beautiful coastal community of El Granada would greatly benefit from additional assistance, working in partnership with the County, to reduce hazard risks and increase climate resiliency and public safety.

C/CAG would like to thank you for your time and consideration to prioritize this request in the FY26 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. Support for this project will provide long-term solutions to protect Mirada Road, help preserve El Granada's tourist economy and unique culture, and ensure long-term access to treasured recreational destinations for all.

If you have any questions, please contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,

Sean Charpentier
Executive Director