



Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council

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Metropolitan Transportation Commissioners
 Bay Area Metro Center
 375 Beale Street, Suite 800
 San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

Re: Item 13a Major Projects Advancement Policy

Dear Chair Pedroza and Commissioners,

The Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council is in support of capturing **\$750 million in cap-and-trade funds** for the BART Extension Silicon Valley, Phase II Project.

This extension linking Silicon Valley with the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area is providing well-paying jobs, environmental benefits, and critical transit-oriented development of both affordable and market-rate housing to the regionally significant jobs center of Santa Clara County.

Voters in Santa Clara County have repeatedly approved sales taxes totaling more than \$4 billion for this project to date. State investment is crucial to maintaining the support the project has received from federal resources, which could potentially supply up to 40% of the project funding if the rest is secured.

On behalf of the over 35,000 members of the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, I urge your support of \$750 million in cap-and-trade funds for the infrastructure that will complete the public transportation ring around the Bay.

Sincerely,

David Bini
 Executive Director

- Boilermakers 549
- Brick & Tile 3
- Carpenters 405
- Carpenters 2236
- Carpet & Linoleum 12
- Cement Masons 400
- Electricians 234
- Electricians 332
- Elevator Constructors 8
- Glaziers 1621
- Heat & Frost Insulators 16
- Iron Workers 377
- Laborers 67
- Laborers 270
- Lathers 9144
- Millwrights 102
- Operating Engineers 3
- Painters District Council 16
- Painters & Tapers 507
- Pile Drivers 34
- Plasterers 300
- Plumbers & Steamfitters 393
- Roofers 95
- Sheet Metal Workers 104
- Sign, Display 510
- Sprinkler Fitters 483
- Teamsters 853
- UA Local 355

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