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January 11, 2022

Alfredo Pedroza
Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chair Pedroza,

I am writing on behalf of San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) regarding an item that will be considered at MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee at this Wednesday's meeting regarding an update on Caltrain governance. Specifically the item relates to the repayment of Caltrain Right-of-Way (ROW) costs advanced by SamTrans in 1991.

We understand MTC will be discussing the payment of \$19.6 million to SamTrans, as part of the 2007 settlement and 2008 Amendment to the Real Property Ownership Agreement amongst the Caltrain member agencies and MTC. We also understand MTC will discuss, amongst other things, the possible source of payments and what conditions it may impose as part of the repayment.

We appreciate the proposal to repay SamTrans, which would likely be in the form of programming funds to a SamTrans project or program. We do find this payment format acceptable so long as it serves to free up SamTrans resources that would have otherwise gone to such project or program. We would instead use the freed-up resources for other important SamTrans initiatives. While we welcome the payment that would partially satisfy the obligation, we want to make sure that, consistent with the 2008 Agreement, acceptance of this payment is without condition or any other impact on further rights of the parties. Furthermore, as I believe you are aware, Caltrain is fully supportive of robust regional rail discussions.

I am available for any further discussion. We thank MTC's leadership in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carter Mau".

Carter Mau
Acting General Manager/CEO

cc: Therese McMillan, Executive Director, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
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