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The Honorable Dave Cortese
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
California State Senate
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1375 (Cortese): **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Cortese:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), I am writing to share our support for SB 1375, which provides a targeted CEQA exemption for the Diridon Station program of projects. As a planned recipient of federal funds, the project will still undergo review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The remaking of Diridon Station represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver a fully integrated, multimodal transportation hub that will support more passengers and connections than any other station in Northern California. As outlined in the California State Rail Plan, the modernized station will seamlessly connect regional, statewide, and local transit systems, including BART Silicon Valley Phase II, Caltrain, ACE, Capitol Corridor, California High-Speed Rail, VTA light rail, and local and intercity bus services. MTC is a Diridon Station project partner.

SB 1375 provides a narrow, project-specific exemption. It maintains full compliance with all other environmental laws and permitting requirements. This approach avoids redundant review, reduces project delivery risk, and ensures that this critical infrastructure investment can move forward in a timely and cost-effective manner.

For these reasons, MTC respectfully urges the Legislature to support and approve SB 1375.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Hon. Catherine Blakespear, Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee