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The Honorable Cindy Chavez, Chairwoman Programming and Allocations Committee Metropolitan Transportation Commission 375 Beale Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Chairwoman Chavez,

I write in strong support of the City of Redwood City's application for funding for the State Route (S.R.) 84 – United States (U.S.) 101 Interchange Reimagined Project.

The City and its partners, Caltrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, are seeking \$33.1 million through the S.B. 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program which is funded with both state and federal funds. Local stakeholders have already committed 80 percent of the project's \$321 million construction costs. The City seeks to fund the remaining \$57 million through this request from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and a pending federal grant application for \$25 million, which I have lent my support for.

The project will rebuild the U.S. 101 and S.R. 84 interchange to increase safety, provide new pedestrian and bicycle access, and improve traffic flow and regional mobility. The current interchange is past its useful lifespan and causes traffic congestion and other safety issues that have contributed to dozens of injuries in collisions every year.

The project will address these issues by replacing and reconfiguring on-and-off ramps, expanding ramp vehicle storage capacity, installing signalized ramp terminal intersections, and providing new bikeways and sidewalks. It will also enable more trade and freight activity between the Port of Redwood City and Seaport Center, as the interchange is the only highway access point to and from the Port.

This project is an important part of our regional transportation network and will relieve traffic congestion, improve traffic safety, and provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing across Highway 101. I urge you to give Redwood City's request your

full and fair consideration in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and I thank you in advance for your consideration of my important request.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo

Member of Congress