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Dear Ms. McMillan:

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The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) supports creating the MTC's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Regional Grant Strategy (BIL Strategy) to maximize the Federal investment in our critical regional projects. A focused, unified, and strategic effort will serve the Bay Area well in securing Federal funding for regional projects that improve mobility, the environment, and equity. SMCTA thanks the MTC for including the Caltrain Electrification in the BIL Strategy, and respectfully requests that the MTC consider including the following projects in the BIL Strategy.

- The Managed Lanes North of I-380 project would close a regional gap and create a continuous managed lane network along Highway 101 in San Mateo County; facilitate mode shift by encouraging transit, shuttles, and HOVs; and potentially support the San Mateo County Express Lane Equity Program, which includes a \$100 Clipper Card or \$100 preloaded FasTrak transponder for eligible low-income participants.
- The 92/101 Managed Lanes Director Connector Project will provide a direct connection from Highway 92 to the Highway 101 Express Lanes that will improve traffic flow and safety at this congested interchange and encourage mode shift by enabling transit, shuttles, and HOVs.
- The Burlingame Grade Separation at Broadway project is the most dangerous railroad grade separation in California and is finalizing its design. In addition, the South San Francisco/San Bruno Grade Separation is another pipeline grade separation project that will improve mobility and safety.
- The Highway 101/84 (Woodside) Interchange in Redwood City is a fully designed project that will improve regional trade and freight activity at the Port of Redwood City by removing a traffic bottleneck that routinely delays regional goods movement; and will include bicycle and pedestrian improvements that connect adjacent Communities of Concern to open space along the Bay.

We appreciate your efforts and look forward to supporting a BIL Strategy that maximizes federal investment in all these critical regional projects.

Sincerely,

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