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Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support of Implementation Funding for BART - Transit Rich Communities

Dear MTC Commissioners,

We write today in support of BART's \$1 million funding allocation to support transit-oriented development (TOD) activities, pursuant to AB 2923 (Chapter 1,000, Statutes of 2018).

The Legislature passed AB 2923 to help address California's housing and climate crises by supporting BART's TOD goals of producing 20,000 homes, at 35% affordable, and 4.5 million square feet of office/commercial space by 2040.

The bill requires BART develop new TOD zoning standards by July 1, 2020, for developable BART-owned properties within a half-mile of stations in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco. The standards must meet or exceed those contained in BART's 2017 TOD Guidelines, and local jurisdictions have until July 1, 2022, to rezone BART property to align or exceed adopted standards.

BART's initial outreach has shown that most local jurisdictions have a strong interest in partnering to advance development within the next 10 years. Funding provided by MTC will assist BART in developing a public guidance document that will provide local jurisdictions with greater clarity on BART's zoning standards and conformance requirement pursuant to AB 2923.

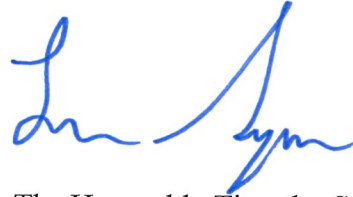
In addition, MTC funds will support the creation of a 10-year work plan for BART's TOD program. The work plan will provide transparency on BART's process for initiating development and allow BART to strategically advance housing or commercial projects over the next decade.

We respectfully ask that you support BART's \$1 million allocation and prioritize the regional resources necessary to accelerate development around high-quality transit. The success of BART's TOD program is essential to advancing the Bay Area's land-use and housing goals, and we support BART's efforts to reduce crippling congestion and provide much needed affordable housing with direct access to reliable transportation.

Sincerely,



The Honorable David Chiu
Assembly Member, 17th District



The Honorable Timothy S. Grayson
Assembly Member, 14th District



The Honorable Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



The Honorable Rob Bonta
Assembly Member, 18th District



The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Assembly Member, 15th District

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