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Theresa Romell
Director of Funding Policy & Programs
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

RE: One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) – Request to Include Transit Projects for Regional Program

Dear Ms. Romell,

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OBAG 4 highlights the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy in the Regional Program, which prioritizes developing communities within a half mile of transit stations and emphasizes increased density, housing, parking management, and station access.

A core tenet of the TOC Policy is to create sustainable communities by increasing transit ridership. However, many existing San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) stations require investment in state-of-good-repair to avoid service impacts that could reduce ridership, transit station safety improvements that support ridership preservation and growth, and capacity-related projects to ensure that BART can meet increased demand generated by TOC Policy implementation.

As such, we respectfully request that MTC include the following as eligible and competitive project types for the OBAG 4 Regional Program:

1. Transit station state-of-good-repair improvements, such as tile replacement, lighting, etc.; and
2. Transit station safety improvements that support ridership preservation and growth, such as barriers surrounding paid areas and fare gates to deter fare evasion; and
3. Transit station capacity-enhancing projects.

We appreciate MTC's leadership in advancing the TOC Policy and recognize our shared commitment to building sustainable, transit-accessible communities throughout the Bay Area. We look forward to working collaboratively with MTC to ensure that our transit infrastructure can successfully support the goals of OBAG 4.

Sincerely,

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Director of Funding Strategy