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RE: Support for Scenario 1A Framework for Regional Transportation Revenue Measure

Dear Chair Pedroza,

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) appreciates the ongoing work of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and its staff to develop consensus around a regional transportation revenue measure. Jim Sperring, as Chair of the Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee, MTC Commissioners, and executive leadership have been accessible throughout this process, and I have appreciated the opportunity to represent BART on the Transportation Revenue Measure Executive Group.

Considering MTC's objectives for a regional measure and the District's ongoing fiscal challenges, BART is in support of Scenario 1A as the most viable option to move forward into legislation. Under this framework, BART would receive approximately \$307 million a year to help address our operating deficits. A 10-year, half-cent sales tax also avoids potential conflicts with future renewals of county revenue measures and provides time for plans at the state and federal level to develop regarding long-term transit operating assistance.

While BART is one of the most cost-efficient rail systems in the US, should we receive funding at this level, we are committed to implementing additional efficiencies, cost reductions, and revenue generating efforts. If Scenario 1A moves forward as a four-county measure, BART is also committed to working with our partners in San Mateo County on an equitable solution to sustaining BART service in that county. We welcome discussions on accountability and metrics associated with new funding, consistent with allocations in Senate Bill (SB) 125 funding and recommendations adopted by the Select Committee in October.

We look forward to being an active participant in the process to refine scenarios as the commission considers their priorities for a regional measure framework, and we appreciate your ongoing consideration of BART's operating shortfalls.

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Thank you again for your commitment to keeping Bay Area transit running long into the future and for all the work that the Select Committee, Commission, and staff have done to get us to this point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert M. Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert M. Powers
General Manager

cc: Metropolitan Transportation Commissioners
BART Board of Directors
Executive Director, Metropolitan Transportation Commission