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December 8, 2023

Alfredo Pedroza
Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chair Pedroza and Commissioners,

Thank you for your strong support in our successful push for near-term transit operations funding in this year's state budget. Together, we are preventing near-term service cuts that would harm Bay Area residents. This funding is only temporary, though. We still face a major ongoing fiscal cliff a few short years from now. To avoid this cliff, we have to step up with sustainable long term funding.

I support a regional transportation measure that provides that revenue for transit operations, prevents our agencies from falling off the fiscal cliff, expands transit, and transforms the system for the rider. Additional revenues should be accompanied by improvements to safety, cleanliness, and reliability, as well as a seamless system that provides an integrated experience for the rider. We cannot go back to the status quo. We need to develop consensus on a transformative vision for public transportation that helps achieve these goals. A regional transportation network manager is an effective example of this vision. Discussions about sensitive reforms such as consolidation should involve all impacted stakeholders. Any reform discussion should be grounded by an understanding of specific objectives to achieve better outcomes in service of a vision.

There is certainly a lot more work to be done. I continue to provide my strong support for a transportation revenue measure that advances a well-funded, improved public transportation system. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Wiener".

Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District