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**PUBLIC COMMENT
Commission Agenda Item 8c**

June 25, 2024

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

SUBJECT: PROGRAMMING OF RM3 DUMBARTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Chair Pedroza,

On behalf of the City of Fremont, I am writing in support of MTC's proposed action to program \$130 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds for Dumbarton Corridor Improvements. This item was considered by the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee on June 12, 2024 (see attachment).

The Dumbarton Corridor is an important east-west route that connects the East Bay and the Peninsula, serving the movement of people as they commute to jobs, link with transit, and enjoy numerous recreational amenities near the San Francisco Bay. Over the past year, the mayors and staff from the cities of Newark, Union City and Fremont, along with officials from AC Transit and Alameda CTC, worked together to identify an interrelated set of projects in Southern Alameda County that align with the goals of Plan Bay Area and the Regional Measure 3 program, and which can be delivered in a timely manner. These projects include: Union City BART East Entrance and At-Grade Crossing; Decoto Road Complete Streets; I-880/Decoto Interchange Modernization; Quarry Lakes Parkway; Thornton Avenue Complete Streets & Bay Trail; and Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail. Collectively, these projects deliver the following benefits:

- Improves the efficiency of AC Transit's Dumbarton Express service and employer shuttles from the Union City BART Station and the Fremont/Centerville Station to employment sites on the Peninsula. Notably, the investments along Decoto Road from I-880 to east of Fremont Boulevard, provide a dedicated transit lane to bypass traffic congestion through a freeway interchange and five traffic signals.
- Facilitates transit-oriented development and multimodal travel options in the Union City and Newark priority development areas. The investments that support these goals include the Union City BART East Entrance and At-Grade Crossing, Quarry Lakes Parkway, and Thornton Avenue Complete Streets & Bay Trail projects.
- Closes gaps in the 8-mile Dumbarton/Decoto regional trail network to support commuter cycling and which link together various recreational and educational attractions including the Bay Trail, Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge, and five facilities managed by the East Bay Regional Parks District (Dumbarton Quarry Campground, Coyote Hills, Ardenwood Historic Park & Farm, Alameda Creek Trail, Quarry Lakes). Key trail gap closures proposed for RM3 funding include the I-880/Decoto Interchange Modernization, Decoto Road Complete Streets, and Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail projects.

The City of Fremont is committed to a continued partnership with MTC in the timely delivery of high value, multimodal projects in the Dumbarton Corridor, working together with AC Transit, Alameda CTC, Caltrans, East Bay Regional Parks District, and our city neighbors in Newark and Union City. Thank you for your consideration and the support from MTC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lily Mei". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lily Mei
Mayor, City of Fremont

RM3 Capital Programming for Dumbarton Corridor Improvements



MTC Programming & Allocations Committee
June 12, 2024

PROJECT	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS				
		ALA - \$32.5M	BATA - \$32.5M	SM - \$32.5M	Competitive Funding - \$32.5 M	Total RM3 Funding
UNION CITY BART EAST ENTRANCE AND AT GRADE CROSSING	UNION CITY	\$ 3,000,000				\$ 3,000,000
DECOTO ROAD COMPLETE STREETS	FREMONT	\$ 11,200,000			\$ 7,000,000	\$ 18,200,000
I-880/DECOTO INTERCHANGE MODERNIZATION	FREMONT					
QUARRY LAKES PARKWAY	UNION CITY	\$ 18,300,000	\$ 6,700,000			\$ 25,000,000
THORNTON AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS & BAY TRAIL	NEWARK				\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000
DUMBARTON BRIDGE TO QUARRY LAKES TRAIL	FREMONT		\$ 10,800,000			\$ 10,800,000
SAN MATEO DUMBARTON BUSWAY	SAMTRANS			\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000
101/84 INTERCHANGE REIMAGINED*	RWCity/SMCTA		\$ 10,000,000	\$27,500,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 48,000,000
DUMBARTON FORWARD OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS	BATA		\$ 5,000,000			\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL		\$ 32,500,000	\$ 32,500,000	\$32,500,000	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 130,000,000

* \$20.5 Million of funding is conditionally committed to the San Mateo US 101/84 Interchange Reimagined Project contingent on award of 2024 Cycle SB1 Trade Corridors Enhancement Program funding, and commitment of \$27.5 Million of San Mateo's programmed share. If the project is not awarded the current round Senate Bill 1 TCEP funding, the \$20.5 million in RM3 funds will be re-evaluated and could be returned to the reserve for a future competitive funding cycle open to all four project sponsors.