

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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San Mateo County
Department of Public Works
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
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August 16, 2024

San Mateo County Department of Public Works
Attention, Ann Stillman
Director of Public Works
555 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Letter of Support for the Hillside Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Project

Dear Ms. Stillman:

The County of San Mateo Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) unanimously supports the joint grant application from the County of San Mateo (County) and City of Daly City for the proposed Hillside Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Project (Project) to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Call for Projects. The Town of Colma is working in partnership with County and Daly City on this Project.

Hillside Boulevard serves the north County and facilitates regional travel through Daly City, the unincorporated County, Colma and South San Francisco, including commuters to major biotech employment centers in South San Francisco and destinations across the County line in San Francisco. The proposed Project area also accommodates many local trips, connecting neighborhood residents to local schools, businesses, SamTrans bus stops on Hillside Boulevard and East Market Street, and the Colma BART Station.

There is a high concentration of low-income residents in the vicinity of the Project that rely on walking and bicycling for trips to local destinations, many of whom are transit dependent. Yet, unlike the two-lane road configuration that exists at the north and south ends of the Project area, the portion of Hillside Boulevard between East Market and Hoffman Streets has four motor-vehicle through lanes, narrow sidewalks with obstructions, and no dedicated space for bicyclists. The auto-centric nature of Hillside Boulevard is one of the reasons it is identified on the C/CAG Pedestrian High Injury Network and Daly City's Local Road Safety Plan.

The Project will build on recommendations from the Daly City Community Based Transportation Plan and a UC Berkeley SafeTrec Safety Assessment with engineering solutions proven to improve safety and accessibility by reducing the number of motor vehicle lanes, re-aligning sharply skewed intersecting streets to reduce lengthy pedestrian crossing distances, providing more protected space for people walking and biking, and adding green infrastructure. The Project will also plan for wayfinding and accessibility improvements via A and B Streets to the Colma BART station. On a

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larger macro level, the Project will complement completed road diet and beautification work on Hillside Boulevard from Hoffman Street to Serramonte Boulevard and a planned second phase of complete streets work from Serramonte Boulevard to Lawndale Boulevard through the Town of Colma, as well as a recently completed road diet project on Hillside Boulevard from Lawndale Boulevard to Lincoln Street in South San Francisco. It is a key segment in the ultimate transformation of the entire length of Hillside Boulevard into a more complete street benefiting all travel modes.

Successful implementation will require extensive stakeholder engagement and outreach to reach residents and businesses to ensure the Project best meets community needs. The County of San Mateo BPAC strongly recommends that the San Mateo County Transportation Authority give favorable consideration toward funding it.

Sincerely,



Elaine Salinger, Chair
County of San Mateo Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Carolyn Bloede

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