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San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: Measure A Grant Funding

The top transportation priorities along San Mateo County's Midcoast region are congestion management and improving safety. To further that goal, I am writing with the support of the Board of Supervisors to ask for the Transportation Authority's approval of our County's \$5 million grant application to improve congestion management and the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Highway 1 between Half Moon Bay and Pacifica is one of the most scenic drives in the United States, if not the world. Yet the region's residents and visitors face a traffic nightmare. Highway 1 affords only one lane in each direction with a limited number of turn lanes, conditions which all-too often lead to unsafe turns and growing congestion. Further, the area affords pedestrians and cyclists few opportunities to cross the highway safely.

With your approval, grant funding would greatly improve safety and traffic flow for all. The projects in our application would create medians, turning bays for vehicles and additional places to cross the highway safely.

Two previous studies identified the locations for many of the improvements. The grant funds would allow the County to develop detailed plans and construct the most crucial safety improvements. These projects would be accomplished by the County of San Mateo working with CalTrans, the Transportation Authority and the California Coastal Commission.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors strongly supports this grant application and remains available to provide additional information.