



June 18, 2024

Chair Alfredo Pedroza
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution No. 4411, Initial Programming of RM3 Dumbarton Corridor Improvements

Dear Chair Pedroza,

As Mayor of Union City, and MTC Commissioner representing the cities of Alameda County, this letter affirms my strong support for initial programming of \$130 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Project #17, Dumbarton Corridor Improvements. Specifically, I support the MTC staff proposal as presented on June 12, 2024. The proposed projects will reduce congestion in the corridor and, very importantly, will retain purchasing power of the RM3 funds. Consistent with the statute, the projects support "capital improvements within the Dumbarton Bridge and rail corridor in the Counties of Alameda and San Mateo to relieve congestion, increase person throughput, and offer reliable travel times."

The proposed projects are critical towards achieving the goals of the statute, with their combined impact resulting in greater transit, rail, and bicycle/pedestrian connectivity for the highly utilized yet under-resourced corridor. Specifically within Southern Alameda County, funding will support a much-needed pedestrian at-grade rail crossing in Union City to get more passengers to BART; the development of Quarry Lakes Parkway, a local "Complete Streets" roadway that will provide a 20-foot multi-use trail connection to regional parks and capacity for over 2,000 new residential units in the Union City Station District Priority Development Area; improvements to Decoto Road Complete Streets and the I/880 Interchange that will improve bus and bike connectivity through the Dumbarton Bridge corridor; and other important projects in Fremont, Newark and Union City that will allow more people to bike or walk to where they need to go.

As residents continue to commute from their homes in the East Bay to jobs along the Peninsula and Silicon Valley, the proposed programming of RM3 Dumbarton Corridor funding represents an unprecedented investment in a transportation corridor that is increasingly vital to the success of the region. More importantly, the projects will provide transportation improvements that our constituents have long been waiting for. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Commission to support the proposed initial programming of the full \$130 million, as recommended by staff and approved by the Programs and Allocations Committee, in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Project #17, Dumbarton Corridor Improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol Dutra-Vernaci'.

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