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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission—the San Francisco Bay Area's regional transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency—I am pleased to express my strong support for the Port of Oakland's application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) competitive grant program for the Outer Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, Phase I.

The Port of Oakland's proposal to modernize and redevelop their Outer Harbor terminal is a top Bay Area priority for Port Infrastructure Development Program funds, having received endorsement as a regional priority project through MTC's Bay Area Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Strategy. MTC's priority list—developed in coordination with our transportation partners across the Bay Area's nine counties and more than two dozen transit operators serving the nearly 8 million Bay Area residents—aligns top Bay Area transportation priorities with federal grant targets. This suite of regionally significant projects will help advance the Bay Area's ambitious Plan Bay Area 2050 goals to combat the climate crisis, deliver a well-connected, safe, and multimodal transportation network, and improve access to opportunity for all Bay Area residents.

The \$37 million federal funding request for this \$49 million project supports the redevelopment of approximately 26 acres of the Port's Outer Harbor Terminal area. Importantly, this project would expand the Port's use of plug-in refrigerated containers and move away from diesel powered generators powering current equipment, supporting the Port's goal of near-zero emissions operations at the port. The project will also greatly agricultural business by providing hundreds of new storage and staging areas for perishable products.

Thanks for your consideration of this important project. If we can be of assistance on this or any other issue, please contact Rebecca Long, Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, at rlong@bayareametro.gov or 510-504-7914.

Sincerely,

Therese W. McMillan
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