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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Port of Oakland to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program competitive grant program for the Outer Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, Phase I.

The \$37 million federal funding request for this \$49 million project supports the redevelopment of approximately 26 acres of the Port of Oakland's Outer Harbor Terminal area. The Port's Capital Improvement Program will support the non-federal matching funds for this project and could initiate construction in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The redevelopment would include new pavement to support stacking operations, additional refrigeration plug racks, new LED high mast lighting, battery storage and other substation improvements, equipment charging stations, and natural vegetative bioswales to address drainage.

The project will greatly improve the efficiency of seaport operations, promote sustainable transportation initiatives, and support the restoration of export cargo activity for the benefit of the agricultural community in California and throughout the nation. This project also implements and advances important components of the Port's Seaport Air Quality 2020 and Beyond Plan which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations and supports the region's climate change and environmental justice goals.

Caltrans would like to thank USDOT for its consideration of this Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven D. Keck'.

STEVEN KECK
Acting Director