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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Port of Oakland is seeking PIDP discretionary funds for its **TraPac Zero Emissions Cargo Handling Project**. The Port of Oakland is a member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), a national group dedicated to improving our nation's freight infrastructure.

The Port of Oakland's Project will replace conventional diesel-powered cargo handling equipment (26 off-road yard tractors and 7 container handling top picks) at the Port's second-busiest marine terminal with zero emissions equipment that will be sourced domestically. The Project will also include charging equipment and related infrastructure consisting of Battery Electric Storage Systems and ancillary electrical system upgrades. The charging system includes innovative resiliency features that ensure extended operational duty cycles as the batteries will "trickle charge" while equipment is in use, thereby minimizing additional power from the electric grid that is typically associated with an electrification project of this scale.

The Project will improve port infrastructure to increase the safety, efficiency, and reliability of port operations while simultaneously supporting economic vitality, climate adaptation, and emissions reductions initiatives which are of benefit to local disadvantaged communities. The Project is consistent with state freight improvement goals as outlined in the California State Freight Mobility Plan, the California State Transportation Agency's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, and locally developed plans such as the Port's Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan and the West Oakland Community Air Action Plan, led by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

With the support of the \$37 million grant funding request for this \$46 million project, the federal government can partner and advance innovative and sustainable transportation initiatives in the freight sector and improve the efficiency of port operations.

We hope you will consider the merits of the Port of Oakland's **TraPac Zero Emissions Cargo Handling Project**. As an organization, we support investments in freight infrastructure and we encourage USDOT to continue investing in goods movement projects through the PIDP grant program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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