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

RE: Port of Oakland's 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Project (PIDP) Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to express my strong support for the Port of Oakland's application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for the TraPac Zero Emissions Cargo Handling 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.

The Port plays an invaluable role in Oakland's economy and, as Mayor, I am looking forward to their operations being improved with the federal government's support. This exciting project will see the replacement of conventional diesel-powered cargo handling equipment with zero emission equipment that will be domestically sourced. With your support, these improvements will be accompanied by enhancements in the terminal's efficiency and safety as well as improved community health and air quality following the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Residents of West Oakland, near the terminal, are among the communities in the region most affected by toxic air pollution, making these improvements deeply important to all of Oakland.

I appreciate your continued commitment to an efficient and sustainable transportation network and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheng Thao". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheng" being more prominent.

Mayor Sheng Thao