



January 18, 2024

California Department of Transportation
Division of Transportation Planning

Re: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (Climate Adaptation) – Port of Oakland Application – Rising Seas and Oakland’s Frontline Infrastructure and Communities: Climate Adaptation Planning for Neighborhood-led Resiliency

Dear Caltrans Staff:

This letter serves as the Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee (OAAC) Letter of Support for the Port of Oakland’s grant application, in partnership with the City of Oakland (City) and OAAC, for Climate Adaptation Planning under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. As a frontline community, the Port and City are especially vulnerable to sea-level rise (SLR), future extreme weather events, and ground water intrusion (GWI). The proposed Project involves a vulnerability assessment that focuses on modeling projected SLR and GWI levels for the entire Port of Oakland property, including the Seaport, Airport, Commercial Real Estate and adjacent underserved and historically disadvantaged communities. Using these findings, the Port and City will work with local communities to develop and prioritize strategies to mitigate tidal inundation and groundwater impact in an Adaptation Plan. This Project will build on OAAC’s Oakland-Alameda Sub-regional Adaptation Plan, which includes two rounds of community engagement led by paid Community Partners. This sub-regional approach, as required by Senate Bill 272 (2023), will expedite adaptation projects and ensure a healthy watershed that protects and restores water quality, habitat and community vitality along San Leandro Bay and the Oakland-Alameda Estuary

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Mieler".

Danielle Mieler, OAAC Co-Chair
City of Alameda