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## United States Senate

May 4th, 2022

Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

## Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application for \$395 million of Mega Grant funding, also known as the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program.

CCTA's 680 Forward proposal will address congestion, improve safety, and increase access for all transportation users along Interstate 680 (I-680), a backbone corridor for the Bay Area. This is the only project in the Bay Area competing for Mega Grant funding and is endorsed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the planning organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

I-680 experiences significant delays and inconsistent traffic flows in both north and south directions. 680 Forward includes a suite of projects to address the congestion, such as zero-emission express bus service, shared mobility hubs, transit bus-on-shoulder lanes, bicycle, and pedestrian overcrossings, completing the express lane network, I-680/State Route 4 interchange improvements, , and new mobility options for our elderly and differently-abled populations.

CCTA's 680 Forward application exemplifies the goals set by DOT for its Mega Grant awardees by improving safety, strengthening the economy, bolstering social equity, and positively addressing climate change. I urge your full consideration of this exciting project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at 415-393-0707.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein

United States Senator