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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 Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for the 680 Forward Project (Project).

The CCTA seeks \$395 million in Mega grant funding to improve mobility and develop greener, shared modes of transportation. The Project represents a suite of multimodal improvements along Interstate 680 (I-680) through Contra Costa County in the San Francisco Bay Area. This set of improvements is designed to work in harmony to improve safety, smooth congestion, and increase access for all transportation system users. The Project will feature new zero-emission express bus services supported by shared mobility hubs to connect neighborhoods to transit. The Project also includes bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing to support a more cohesive bicycle network near large employment centers. The Project will also complete the Contra Costa County express lanes network. The Project will also reconfigure the I-680/State Route 4 Interchange and implement adaptive ramp metering and other technologies to advance mobility options for the elderly and disabled.

With \$627 million in state, federal, and regional match funding committed, the Project will fulfill Mega grant goals by generating economic, mobility, and safety benefits.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven D. Keck'.

STEVEN KECK
Acting Director