

MPDG-National Infrastructure Project Assistance - Mega 2022 Letters of Support

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680 FORWARD



A. Letters of Support

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May 19, 2022

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

Re: Contra Costa Transportation Authority – Mega Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) Mega grant application requesting \$395 million to fund their "680 Forward" project. The project will address congestion, improve safety, and increase access for all transportation users along Interstate 680, a backbone corridor for the Bay Area.

I-680 is one of the major north-south corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area and has been one of the top five most congested corridors for the last ten years. The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions. These delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. 680 Forward includes a suite of projects, including transit improvements, active transportation enhancements, congestion relief strategies, and innovative concepts to modernize mobility along the corridor. These components include zero-emission express bus service, shared mobility hubs, transit bus-on-shoulder lanes, bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings, a completed express lane network, I-680/State Route 4 interchange improvements, technology tools to encourage better integrated mobility across different modes of transportation, and new mobility options for elderly and disabled populations.

It is my understanding that these combined projects will have significant environmental, equity, and economic benefits, and increased mobility options that are of major interest to the local community. Reducing congestion, investing in transit, transitioning to alternative fueling, and improving non-motorized transportation options will positively mitigate climate change. Improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, developing mobility hubs, and investing in affordable transit will create a more socially equitable community and give disadvantaged community members more transportation access. Economic benefits will be seen by making job centers along the corridor more accessible, especially for those traveling from disadvantaged communities.

I urge your full and fair consideration of CCTA's application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please keep my office informed of the status of this application, and if I can be of further assistance, please contact my Deputy State Director, Daniel Chen, at (650) 533-2207. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



ALEX PADILLA
United States Senator



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

NANCY PELOSI
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May 10, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Many thanks for the Transportation Department's focus on Building a Better America by investing in infrastructure. I am writing to request your full and fair consideration for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application for Mega Grant Funding requesting \$395 million for improvements to Interstate 680 under the 680 Forward Project.

Interstate 680 is a 70.5 mile federally designated "alternative fuel corridor" in the Bay Area that connects communities from Fairfield to San Jose and moves goods, services, and people throughout Northern California and beyond. Due to high traffic from the thousands of homes and businesses that rely on the corridor for day-to-day travel, congestion and delays have become commonplace. To improve safety, smooth traffic, and increased access for all users of the transportation system, CCTA has designed a holistic approach known as the 680 Forward that combines specific transit improvements, active transportation projects, congestion relief projects, and innovative concepts to work in harmony to improve this critical corridor.

The requested \$395 million will improve Interstate 680 by introducing zero emission bus service, shared mobility hubs, transit bus-on-shoulder lanes, bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings, express lane network, and technology tools to encourage sharing modes and new mobility options for the elderly and disabled. By reducing congestion, investing in transit, switching to alternative fueling, and improving nonmotorized transportation options, this project will help reduce the impacts of climate change while improving the living conditions for the surrounding communities.

The Interstate also passes through several areas with a concentration of historically underserved populations, such as households with low incomes and people of color and has been designated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as Equity Priority Communities. Thanks to 680 Forward's plans to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, build mobility hubs, and invest in affordable transit, CCTA will create a more socially equitable community and give disadvantaged community members more transportation options in the Bay Area.

680 Forward has been endorsed by the MTC and is part of a coordinated regional strategy to secure federal funding for transportation projects in the Bay Area. This project is anticipated to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the region while supporting California's vision to increase economic vitality and add jobs, while reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas pollution.

Thank you again, Mr. Secretary, for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

best regards,


NANCY PELOSI
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 19, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our strong support of Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA's) application for Mega Grant funding, also known as the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program.

CCTA's 680 Forward proposal takes a holistic approach to addressing congestion, improving safety, and increasing access for all transportation users along Interstate 680 (I-680), a backbone corridor for the Bay Area. 680 Forward is the only project in the Bay Area competing for Mega Grant (large) funding that has been endorsed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the metropolitan planning organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. CCTA is seeking approximately \$395 million, 42% of the total project cost of \$944.4 million, to move I-680 forward while aligning with federal, state, and local safety, equity, and emissions goals.

I-680 is one of the major north-south corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area and has been one of the top five most congested corridors for the last ten years.¹ The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions, and these delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Expanding and widening I-680 is an expensive option, and building additional rail service in the Corridor would cost billions of dollars. Neither option is financially feasible nor would adequately address these congestion problems.

To address these challenges, 680 Forward includes a suite of projects including transit improvements, active transportation projects, congestion relief strategies, and innovative concepts to modernize mobility along the corridor. These components include zero-emission express bus (ZEB) service, shared mobility hubs, transit bus-on-shoulder lanes, bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings, completing the express lane network, I-680/State Route 4 (SR-4) interchange improvements, technology tools to encourage better integrated mobility across different modes of transportation, and new mobility options for the elderly and differently-abled populations.

¹ <https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/vital-signs>

We are told that these combined projects will have significant environmental, equity, and economic benefits. They are also responsive to local interest: A recent behavioral study revealed that 68% of corridor residents would like to drive less and would like to see more transit options.² Reducing congestion, investing in transit, transitioning to alternative fueling, and improving non-motorized transportation options are all expected to positively mitigate climate change. Improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, developing mobility hubs, and investing in affordable transit are intended to create a more socially equitable community and give disadvantaged community members more transportation access. We understand that economic benefits will be seen by making job centers along the corridor more accessible, especially for those travelling from disadvantaged communities.

CCTA has a proven track record of success in the innovative transportation space and partnering with the federal government. If awarded, 680 Forward would build off of the I-680 Mobility-on-Demand project that was awarded \$8 million through the Department of Transportation's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) initiative and the \$7.5 million awarded in 2019 through DOT's Automated Driving Systems (ADS) grant.

We support the 680 Forward application because it exemplifies the goals DOT looks to achieve through awarding Mega Grant funding, including improving safety, strengthening the economy, bolstering social equity, and positively addressing climate change. Thank you and we respectfully request you to give this application your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

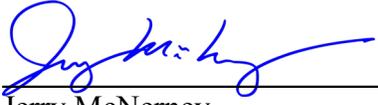


Barbara Lee
Member of Congress



John Garamendi
Member of Congress

² <https://ccta.net/projects/innovate-680/>



Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress



FEDERAL D. GLOVER

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May 20, 2022

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

Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Contra Costa County District 5 we write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

The 680 Forward program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. 680 Forward will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 – a backbone corridor in the San Francisco Bay Area that bisects all of Contra Costa County – to modernize the corridor for the future. The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions, and these delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Expanding and widening I-680 is an expensive option, and building additional rail service in the corridor would cost billions of dollars. Neither option is financially feasible nor would adequately address these congestion problems.

To address these challenges, the ten projects within this program are designed to work in harmony to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system.

Specific projects include new, zero-emission express bus service supported by shared mobility hubs and improved highway shoulders for part-time transit lanes;

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680 Forward is the only project in the Bay Area competing for Mega Grant (large) funding that has been endorsed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the metropolitan planning organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. With over \$549 million in state, other federal, and regional funding already committed, CCTA is seeking approximately \$395 million in National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Grant funding.

The 680 Forward program aligns with USDOT's efforts to advance infrastructure projects of regional significance with economic, mobility, and safety benefits, and is poised to reduce travel time and environmental emissions, while enhancing the region's economic vitality. Importantly, 680 Forward will prepare the I-680 corridor for the future with innovative solutions that will foster multimodal transportation options, reduce vehicle-miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, and increase equity and access for historically disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Contra Costa County District 5 strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

Federal D. Glover, Supervisor
Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors
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Candace J. Kay Andersen

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May 19, 2022

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Secretary
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

The 680 Forward program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. 680 Forward will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 – a backbone corridor in the San Francisco Bay Area that bisects all of Contra Costa County – to modernize the corridor for the future. The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions, and these delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Expanding and widening I-680 is an expensive option and building additional rail service in the corridor would cost billions of dollars. Neither option is financially feasible nor would adequately address these congestion problems.

To address these challenges, the ten projects within this program are designed to work in harmony to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system. Specific projects include new, zero-emission express bus service supported by shared mobility hubs and improved highway shoulders for part-time transit lanes; bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings to create a more cohesive bicycle network near large employment centers; coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion; technology to encourage behavior change towards shared transit modes; completion of an express lane network; and new mobility options for the elderly and disabled. Key elements of 680 Forward complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.

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The 680 Forward program aligns with USDOT's efforts to advance infrastructure projects of regional significance with economic, mobility, and safety benefits, and is poised to reduce travel time and environmental emissions, while enhancing the region's economic vitality. Importantly, 680 Forward will prepare the I-680 corridor for the future with innovative solutions that will foster multimodal transportation options, reduce vehicle-miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution, and increase equity and access for historically disadvantaged and underserved communities.

I strongly support CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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Candace Andersen,
Supervisor
Contra Costa County, District II

The Board of Supervisors

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Contra Costa County



Monica Nino
Clerk of the Board
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County Administrator
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May 17, 2022

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

RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, I write on behalf of the Board express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

The 680 Forward program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. 680 Forward will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 – a backbone corridor in the San Francisco Bay Area that bisects all of Contra Costa County – to modernize the corridor for the future. The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions, and these delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Expanding and widening I-680 is an expensive option and building additional rail service in the corridor would cost billions of dollars. Neither option is financially feasible nor would adequately address these congestion problems.

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The 680 Forward program aligns with USDOT's efforts to advance infrastructure projects of regional significance with economic, mobility, and safety benefits, and is poised to reduce travel time and environmental emissions, while enhancing the region's economic vitality. Importantly, 680 Forward will prepare the I-680 corridor for the future with innovative solutions that will foster multimodal transportation options, reduce vehicle-miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, and increase equity and access for historically disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Contra Costa County strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Monica Nino, County Administrator
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May 20, 2022

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

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STEVEN KECK
Acting Director



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May 19, 2022

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RE: SUPPORT 680 Forward for National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program
– Bay Area Regional Priority Project: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission – the San Francisco Bay Area's regional transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency – I am pleased to express my strong support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 680 Forward program request of \$395 million while aligning with federal, state, and local safety, equity, and emissions goals.

680 Forward is a top Bay Area priority for National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) funds, having received endorsement as a regional priority project through MTC's Bay Area Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Strategy. MTC's priority list – developed in coordination with our transportation partners across the Bay Area's nine counties and more than two dozen transit operators serving the nearly eight million Bay Area residents – aligns top Bay Area transportation priorities with federal grant targets. This suite of regionally significant projects will help advance the Bay Area's ambitious Plan Bay Area 2050 goals to combat the climate crisis, deliver a well-connected, safe, and multimodal transportation network, and improve access to opportunity for all Bay Area residents.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If we can be of assistance on this or any other issue, please contact Rebecca Long, Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, at rlong@bayareametro.gov or 510-504-7914.

Sincerely,

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Therese W. McMillan
Executive Director

County Connection

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County Connection strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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William Churchill
General Manager

Livermore Amador Valley
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Sincerely,

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Tamara Edwards
Interim Executive Director



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May 19, 2022

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

Re: Support for Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

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Concord strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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Dominic Aliano, Mayor
City of Concord

Copy: Concord City Council
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May 19, 2022

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Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the
USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program;
680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Martinez, we write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

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The City of Martinez strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

Rob Schroder
Martinez City Mayor



**CITY OF
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Mayor Matt Francois
1666 North Main Street
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
walnut-creek.org

May 19, 2022

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Walnut Creek, we write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

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The City of Walnut Creek strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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Matt Francois
Mayor, City of Walnut Creek



May 17, 2022

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

Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Pleasant Hill, I write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its *680 Forward* initiative.

The 680 Forward program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. *680 Forward* will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 – a backbone corridor in the San Francisco Bay Area that bisects all of Contra Costa County – to modernize the corridor for the future. The corridor experiences significant delays and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions, and these delays are expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Expanding and widening I-680 is an expensive option, and building additional rail service in the corridor would cost billions of dollars. Neither option is financially feasible nor would adequately address these congestion problems.

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The City of Pleasant Hill strongly supports CCTA's *680 Forward* program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Harris, O.D.

Michael G. Harris, O.D.
Mayor



May 19, 2022

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Competitive Grant Program; 680 Forward Program

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Bay Area Council strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation.

Sincerely,

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Emily Loper
Policy Director



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May 16, 2022

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City of Concord

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

Marty J. Ardron
Kaiser Permanente

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Cornelius Johnson
City of Antioch

I am writing this letter to express the Contra Costa Economic Partnership's strong support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) competitive grant program for its initiative entitled 680 Forward.

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City of Walnut Creek

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Larry Fountain
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Monica Nino
Contra Costa County

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Contra Costa Workforce
Development Board

Dana Parry
Reynolds & Brown

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Warmest regards,

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Alex Mehran
Chair of the Board



May 16, 2022

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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The East Bay Leadership Council strongly supports CCTA's 680 Forward program for Mega Grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transit innovation. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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Kristin Connelly
President & CEO



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Re: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the
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