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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
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 (US DOT) Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity for the Innovate 680 Program of Projects (Project).

CCTA is seeking MPDG funding to support the construction phase. The Project, located in Contra Costa County along the Interstate (I) 680 corridor, includes Coordinated Adaptive Ramp Metering, Express Lane completion, and Shared Mobility Hubs. The Project is a holistic approach to provide safety, congestion relief, and mobility choices to the users of I-680, a significant regional corridor in the Bay Area that provides for the movement of goods, services, and people throughout Northern California and beyond. Components of this Project, implemented together, fulfill USDOT's goals of improved safety, equity, economic strength and competitiveness, and sustainability as well as reduced climate change emissions. Investment in this regionally significant corridor is also a main objective of the MDPG.

Caltrans has been a key and active partner in moving the Innovate 680 Program forward and has been involved in the development phases of the Project.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Tavares'.

TONY TAVARES  
Director