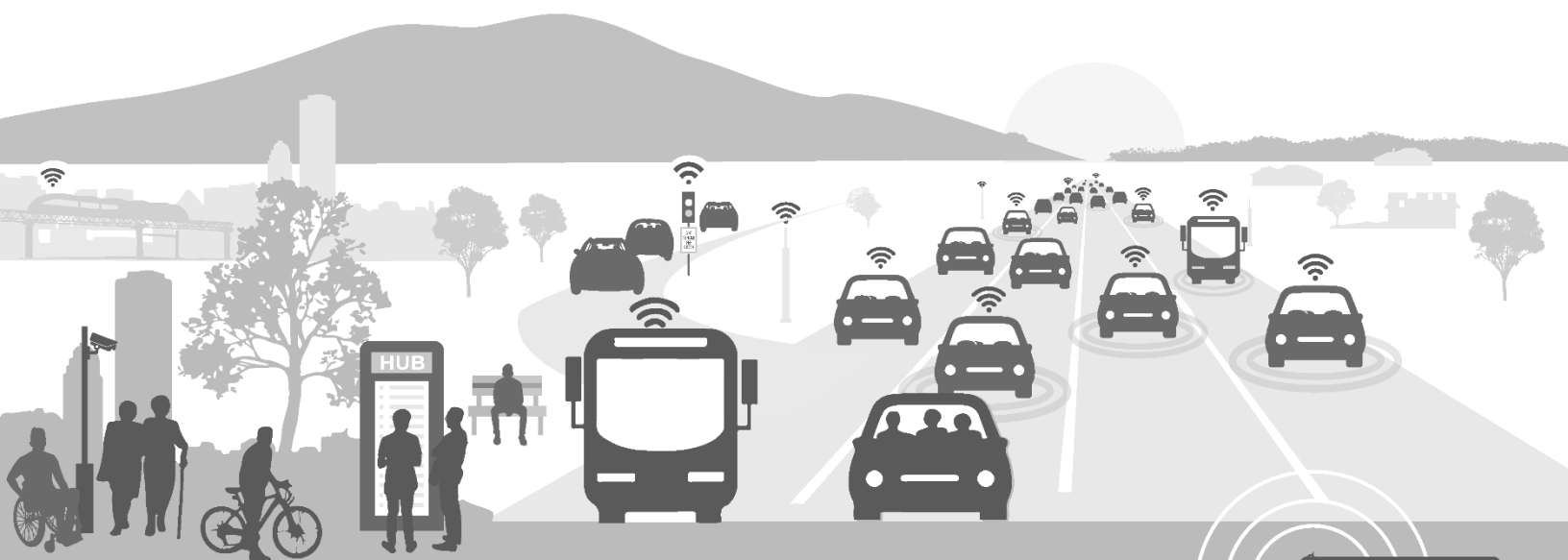


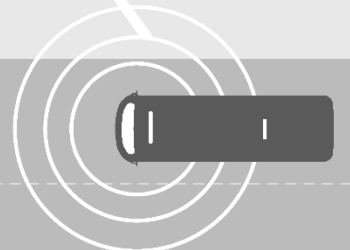
# Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG)- Mega

## Attachment D: Letters of Support

**INNOVATE 680**  
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## Attachment D: Letters of Support

- Assemblymember Tim Grayson
- CA State Senator Steve Glazer
- CA State Senator Bill Dodd
- US Congress Member Mark DeSaulnier (sent directly to USDOT)
- US Congress Member John Garamendi (sent directly to USDOT)
- Supervisor Candace Andersen
- Supervisor Federal Glover
- City of Concord
- City of Pleasant Hill
- City of San Ramon
- Town of Danville
- California Department of Transportation
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May 6, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary  
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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am happy to strongly support Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my staff at 925-521-1511.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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Importantly, *Innovate 680* 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 urge you to give CCTA's *Innovate 680* program your full consideration for MPDG funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my District Office at (925) 258-1176.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Glazer  
California State Senator, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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May 6, 2024

RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I fully support the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

The *Innovate 680* program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. *Innovate 680* will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 (I-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 *Innovate 680* 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, *Innovate 680* 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.

As the Senator for District 3, I strongly supports CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Dodd".

Bill Dodd  
Senator, District 3



# CANDACE ANDERSEN

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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the District 2 Supervisor for Contra Costa County, I am writing to express my strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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I strongly support CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Candace Andersen, Supervisor  
Contra Costa County District 2





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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

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I strongly support CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

Federal D. Glover  
Chair of the Board and District 5 Supervisor

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May 6, 2024

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for Innovate 680 program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Mayor, I write on behalf of the City of Concord to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the Innovate 680 program.

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The City of Concord strongly supports CCTA's Innovate 680 program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Edi Birsan  
Mayor



**City of Pleasant Hill**

**Mayor**

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April 25, 2024

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 Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, I write to express my strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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For these reasons, I strongly support CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Rinn  
Mayor



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## CITY OF SAN RAMON

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May 6, 2024

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 Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As City Manager of the City of San Ramon, I write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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The City of San Ramon strongly supports CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Steven Spedowfski, City Manager  
City of San Ramon





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Outstanding Quality of Life"*

April 26, 2024

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

**Subject: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for Innovate 680 program**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Mayor of the Town of Danville, I write on behalf of the Danville Town Council to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the Innovate 680 program.

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The Town of Danville strongly supports CCTA's Innovate 680 program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,



Karen Stepper, Mayor  
Town of Danville

## California Department of Transportation

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May 2, 2024

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,

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TONY TAVARES  
Director



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

RE: SUPPORT INNOVATE 680 FOR MEGA PROGRAM (NATIONAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ASSISTANCE) – 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 (CCTA's) application to the United States Department of Transportation's Mega (National Infrastructure Project Assistance) Program for the Innovate 680 program. The grant will support projects that improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access 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.

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.<sup>1</sup> 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, three projects within *Innovate 680* have the greatest potential to provide immediate public benefit. Specific projects include three shared mobility hubs that support first and last mile connections to zero emission hydrogen

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

transit, coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion on I-680; and completion of an express lane network. These key elements of Innovate 680 complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If we can be of assistance on this or any other issue, please contact Theresa Romell, Director of Funding, Policy and Programs, at [tromell@bayareametro.gov](mailto:tromell@bayareametro.gov) or 415-778-6672 or MTC's Washington, D.C. advocate Mark Dedrick at [markd@summitstrategies.us](mailto:markd@summitstrategies.us) or 202-638-2207.

Sincerely,



Andrew B. Fremier  
Executive Director

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# County Connection

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May 6, 2024

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 Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for Innovate 680 program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As General Manager of County Connection, I write on behalf of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the Innovate 680 program.

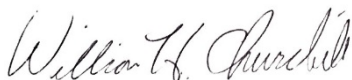
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To address these challenges, three projects within Innovate 680 have the greatest potential to provide immediate public benefit. These projects are designed to work in harmony together to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system. Specific projects include three shared mobility hubs that support first and last mile connections to zero emission hydrogen transit, coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion on I-680; and completion of an express lane network. These key elements of Innovate 680 complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.

With over \$154 million in future state, other federal, and regional funding already committed, CCTA is seeking approximately \$213 million from the MPDG opportunity.

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

Sincerely,



William Churchill  
General Manager

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Executive Director, I write on behalf of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

The *Innovate 680* program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. *Innovate 680* will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 (I-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, three projects within *Innovate 680* have the greatest potential to provide immediate public benefit. These projects are designed to work in harmony together to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system. Specific projects include three shared mobility hubs that support first and last mile connections to zero emission hydrogen transit, coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion on I-680; and completion of an express lane network. These key elements of *Innovate 680* complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.

With over \$154 million in future state, other federal, and regional funding already committed, CCTA is seeking approximately \$213 million from the MPDG opportunity.

The *Innovate 680* 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, *Innovate 680* 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.

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority strongly supports CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Christy Wegener  
Executive Director  
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority





May 2, 2024

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

**RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for Innovate 680 program**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Bay Area Council, representing over 325 of the Bay Area's largest employers, I am writing to express support for Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the Innovate 680 program. This program includes a package of improvements that enhance mobility and create more sustainable, shared modes of transportation along the Interstate 680 (I-680) - a backbone corridor in the Bay Area that is critical to connecting the broader region.

I-680 is an important corridor in the Bay Area, connecting Silicon Valley and the surrounding South Bay with the Tri-Valley area and eastern Contra Costa County. It is part of the federal National Primary Freight Network, and connects with the I-580 corridor, the most heavily used truck route in the Bay Area. However, I-680 corridor experiences significant delays – it is one of the top ten congested corridors in the Bay Area - and inconsistent flow of traffic in both directions. 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, Innovate 680 was developed to fund a suite of multimodal projects along I-680 to relieve congestion and modernize the corridor for the future. In particular, three projects within Innovate 680 have the greatest potential to provide immediate public benefit. These projects are designed to work in harmony together to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system. Specific projects include three shared mobility hubs that support first and last mile connections to zero emission hydrogen transit, coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion on I-680, and completion of an express lane network. These key elements of Innovate 680 complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.

The Innovate 680 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, Innovate 680 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.

For these reasons, the Bay Area Council supports CCTA's Innovate 680 program application for MPDG funding. We thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Emily Loper, Vice President of Public Policy, at [eloper@bayareacouncil.org](mailto:eloper@bayareacouncil.org).

Sincerely,

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Jim Wunderman  
President & CEO  
Bay Area Council



May 6, 2024

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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 Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for  
*Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As President and CEO of the East Bay Leadership Council, I write to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the Innovate 680 program. As a prominent public policy advocacy organization representing hundreds of employers across Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, we know full well the profound impact such strategic investments and have on the overall economic vitality and quality of life in our region.

The Innovate 680 program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. Innovate 680 will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 (I-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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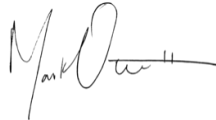
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The East Bay Leadership Council strongly supports CCTA's Innovate 680 program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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Mark Orcutt  
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East Bay Leadership Council



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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As President and Chief Executive Officer, I write on behalf of Sunset Development Company to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

The *Innovate 680* program promotes a holistic approach to improving mobility and creating more sustainable, shared modes of transportation. *Innovate 680* will fund a suite of multimodal projects along Interstate 680 (I-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, three projects within *Innovate 680* have the greatest potential to provide immediate public benefit. These projects are designed to work in harmony together to improve safety, smooth traffic, and increase access for all users of the transportation system. Specific projects include three shared mobility hubs that support first and last mile connections to zero emission hydrogen transit, coordinated adaptive ramp metering to reduce congestion on I-680; and completion of an express lane network. These key elements of *Innovate 680* complement each other by strengthening regional multimodal connections and reducing barriers to alternative mode use.


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Sunset Development Company strongly supports CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Grant Application for the USDOT's Competitive Multimodal Project Discretionary Program for *Innovate 680* program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 302, I write on behalf of our membership to express our strong support of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program for the *Innovate 680* program.

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IBEW Local Union 302 strongly supports CCTA's *Innovate 680* program for MPDG funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request, which will transform this critical corridor and advance the region's commitment to transportation innovation.

Sincerely,



Tom Hansen  
Business Manager  
Financial Secretary

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