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Mr. Arthur Dao Executive Director Alameda County Transportation Commission 1333 Broadway, Suite 300 Oakland, CA 94612

Re:

Request for a Time Extension for the Environmental Approval and Full Funding Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project- ACTIA Project 25

Dear Mr. Dao:

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) requests an extension to the Environmental Approval and Full Funding as prescribed in the Implementation Guidelines of the voter-approved Measure B Expenditure Plan.

The Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project, ACTIA No. 25 will not meet the March 31, 2013 deadline for Environmental Approval or be fully funded by that date. The TA is requesting the Authority Board to approve a two one- year extensions to those requirements.

Additional efforts to update environmental studies, apply new environmental regulations and update the communities through public involvement meetings were necessary to comply with the CEQA and NEPA processes. These efforts resulted in extending the time needed to prepare and finalize an updated administrative draft EIS/EIR prior to proceeding with the full environmental process.

The following is estimated to be accomplished within the next two years as recommended by the project's stakeholders and funding partners:

- Assessment of current funding viability
- Research other transportation alternatives in the East Bay and the Peninsula
- Assessment of the Bus Alternative as potential solution in lieu of the rail alternatives
- Coordination with MTC and FTA in regards to the project's Admin Draft EIS/EIR

If you have any questions regarding the time extension, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with ACTC to further this important transportation improvement program.

Sincerely,

San Mateo County Transportation Authority

cc:

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