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The Honorable Jim Beall, Chairman
Senate Transportation & Housing
Committee
State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jim Frazier, Chairman
Assembly Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, 1020 N Street,
Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: SB 595 (Beall)/Regional Measure 3 – Support



Dear Chairmen Beall and Frazier:



On behalf of the Congestion Management Agencies in each of the Bay Area’s nine counties, we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 595 and thank you for your leadership on behalf of our region. SB 595 would authorize a bridge toll increase of up to \$3, known as Regional Measure 3, to be placed on the ballot in the nine counties, and if approved, fund \$4.4 billion in mobility improvements across the Bay Area. As you know, traffic congestion and transit overcrowding are a huge challenge for the region’s seven million residents. With the region’s strong economy propelling further growth in population (helping to sustain the state’s overall economy), it’s pivotal that major mobility improvements happen as soon as possible.



If enacted, SB 595 will give Bay Area voters the first opportunity since 2004 to raise bridge tolls which – when combined with state funds, recently approved by the passage of Senate Bill 1, and federal funds, as well as voter-approved local sales taxes managed by many of our agencies – will help deliver the next generation of game-changing mobility improvements.



The latest amendments to SB 595 include an equitable, balanced expenditure plan and strong accountability and performance measures that will help ensure toll funds invested in transportation and public transit improvements are spent effectively and efficiently, something that all toll payers deserve and expect.



We stand ready to provide any help needed to push the bill across the finish line and look forward to partnering with you and your colleagues next year to ensure the measure enjoys success and is successfully implemented once approved by Bay Area voters.



Sincerely,

CMA Chair/Executive Directors
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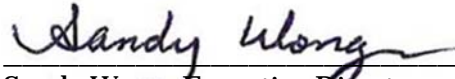


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Bay Area CMA Directors Support Ltr. SB 595 (Beall)/Regional Measure 3
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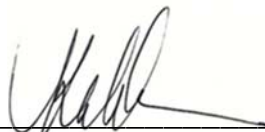
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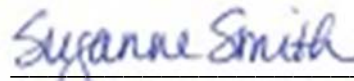
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cc: San Francisco Bay Area Legislative Delegation
Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director