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August 12, 2021

Measure X Community Advisory Board
County Administrator's Office
1025 Escobar St. 4th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
Sacramento, CA 95814
(By email)

RE: Measure X Transportation Funding

Dear Community Advisory Board Members:

On behalf of the East Bay Leadership Council, a regional public policy and advocacy organization representing hundreds of employers across Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, I write in support of allocating Measure X funding for the short-term implementation of the Accessible Transportation Strategic (ATS) Plan.

Our organization is committed to improving transportation in the East Bay, a goal we share with the crafters of the ATS plan who have developed thoughtful recommendations to make Contra Costa easier to navigate. These include a countywide, centralized phone and internet resource for those in need of transportation, user-side subsidies for low-income populations, and support for a pilot program that eliminates the need to transfer for paratransit riders. The changes these funds will enact will substantially improve the lives of elders, people with disabilities and veterans in our community. Further, these funds provide a starting place, an investment that will built upon in future years. The \$1.4 million requested will provide critical funding support until a new revenue stream is established. It will allow Contra Costa to begin implementation – and therefore addressing needs – today.

The East Bay Leadership Council stands ready to support the ATS plan and hope you will join us by investing in this needed community resource.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Connelly".

Kristin Connelly
President & CEO