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Attached please find a letter from Congressman Jared Huffman re: Bay Area Plan 2050 Amendment and the Bay Area Plan 2050+. Please confirm receipt.

Best,  
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September 11, 2024

Commissioner Alfredo Pedroza, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Bay Area Metro Center  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chairman Pedroza:

I am writing to support the pending Plan Bay Area amendment for the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) expansion north connecting Healdsburg to the SMART Rail and Pathway network. Additionally, I encourage you to include the completion of the SMART system through Cloverdale in Plan Bay Area 2050+ to enable SMART to compete for federal funds for implementation of this long-needed project.

SMART is experiencing unprecedented growth in ridership, passenger miles traveled, and bicycles carried onboard, while providing more service on both weekdays and weekends than was originally planned and attracting new riders every day. SMART has also added new short line freight railroad services. SMART continues to be critical to the economic development of North Bay communities and industries.

SMART's Petaluma infill station will be open for revenue service at the end of 2024 and the Windsor extension will be open for service late Spring 2025. This expansion of SMART will allow for my rural constituents to share the same benefits as my urban constituents. Toward this goal, the old railroad tracks that bisect Healdsburg and the Alexander Valley need to be modernized to unlock the transportation, public health, economic opportunity, and climate and resilience benefits for Northern Sonoma County's Bay Area communities.

Further, the Northern Sonoma County area is also home to federally designated Tribal Nations and includes elder and other tribal housing, tribal offices and gaming facilities, including Cloverdale Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Lytton Band of Pomo Indians and Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stuarts Point Rancheria. Additionally, the City of Cloverdale is a Historically Disadvantaged Community, and, just a few miles away, Mendocino County is an Area of Persistent Poverty.

This project is a priority for my constituents and will have environmental, economic development, affordable access and public health benefits for the communities of my district. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Plan Bay Area 2050's amendment to include the remainder of the SMART system north to Healdsburg, and for the Plan Bay Area Update 2050+ to complete the system all the way to Cloverdale for the mutual benefit of the region and in particular my rural constituents who have been waiting for years for SMART service to include them. Please contact my Senior Advisor and Director of Community Initiatives Jenny Callaway at 415-258-9657 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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