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The Honorable Brian Kelly, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Ride Between the Lines: Enhancing Access to Transit in San Diego

Dear Secretary Kelly:

On behalf of the Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express my strong support for the "Ride Between the Lines: Enhancing Access to Transit in San Diego" grant application submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments. This application is for funding consideration under the 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.

As you know, I am a former member of the Brown administration, and I have been very pleased to watch your new agency and the Governor's administration advancing smart and green transportation improvements. SANDAG is stepping up to do its part and I hope that the State will recognize that effort.

The proposed project would implement improvements at 23 bus stops, including improved bicycle facilities and the introduction of transit islands to the San Diego region along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and University Avenue – two corridors in the San Diego region with high transit frequency, transit ridership, and pedestrian volumes.

These transit islands will help make riding a bus and bike a more safe, convenient, and appealing mode of travel, thereby improving transit reliability, increasing ridership, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This will help the City of San Diego implement its Climate Action Plan, and help SANDAG meet the emission reductions goals set by the Governor and Legislature.

Again, I would like to express my strong support for the Ride Between the Lines: Enhancing Access to Transit in San Diego. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and General Counsel, Circulate San Diego