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The Honorable Toks Omishakin
Secretary, California State
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Omishakin, Chair Cortese and Chair Wilson:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area – I am writing regarding the Transit Transformation Task Force established pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 125.

MTC appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Task Force and thanks the Administration for facilitating a thoughtful and collaborative process to examine the challenges facing California's transit systems. We also appreciate the Administration's recent Executive Order N-7-26, which includes actions responsive to a range of SB 125 Transit Transformation Task Force Final Report recommendations. As that work advances, MTC urges continued focus on the central issue raised throughout the Task Force process: achieving the State's vision for transit will require significant new, sustained state funding for transit operations and capital.

While the SB 125 report acknowledges the need for significant new, sustained state transit funding, its clearest implementation recommendations focus on administrative, programmatic and policy changes. Executive Order N-7-26 now seeks to advance a range of those recommendations. What remains needed is a similarly clear and actionable roadmap for delivering the level of state investment necessary to meet California's climate, equity and mobility goals. Strategies focused on repurposing existing transportation revenues, expanding local flexibility, or enabling value capture may achieve incremental benefits, but they are not sufficient to deliver the outcomes envisioned by SB 125.

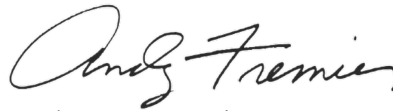
As the Legislature considers next steps, the SB 1121 State and Local Transportation Needs Assessment should help frame the level of investment required to address California's unmet transit capital and operating needs. Using the Needs Assessment as a

reference point would help the Legislature evaluate the magnitude of the challenge, compare policy options and prioritize future investments. Future funding discussions should also account for the fiscal impacts of state mandates, particularly the transition to zero-emission fleets.

The SB 125 Task Force established a foundation for strengthening California's transit systems, and the recent Executive Order seeks to support implementation of portions of the Task Force recommendations. As implementation continues, we urge the Administration and Legislature to maintain equal focus on establishing new, sustainable state funding for transit operations and capital, aligned with demonstrated needs and regional plans. MTC stands ready to partner with the Legislature and Administration to translate the Task Force's work into a prioritized, actionable legislative agenda that delivers on the State's ambitious vision for public transit.

If MTC can be of assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Long, Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, at 510-504-7914 or rlong@bayareametro.gov, or MTC's Sacramento advocate Scott Wetch at 916-446-3413 or swetch@actumllc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew B. Fremier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fremier".

Andrew B. Fremier
Executive Director

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