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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Support for FTA's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program New Starts Engineering process request for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project (BSVII)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As a coalition of the leading regional business and community groups in Silicon Valley and across the Bay Area, we are writing to urge the Federal Transit Administration to accept the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project into the Capital Investment Grant Program's New Starts Engineering phase with a federal funding share of 49.4% (\$6.296 billion).

This project is crucial for our region's infrastructure and economic growth, and is supported by substantial local and state funding commitments totaling over \$1.8 billion. Phase II will serve 55,000 daily passengers by 2040, create 75,000 jobs, and enhance transit equity and environmental sustainability.

With significant pre-construction progress and strong local backing, including \$4.6 billion from local tax measures, Phase II is shovel-ready and essential for advancing transit-oriented development and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge your support to prevent delays and to ensure this important project's success.

Please consider our request for the full federal funding share at 49.4% to bring this transformative project to fruition, to catalyze not only our regional economy, and economic development for our state, but also to support your climate goals and improved critical infrastructure for our country.

For further inquiries, we all remain available as a ready resource for you or your team. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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