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Subject: Fwd: DTX letter for PBA 2050 Final
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Hello Therese,

I hope all is well and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

On behalf of the TJPA and working closely with Senator Wiener and Assembly Member Chiu, we wanted to send you this letter on PBA 2050.

Thank you very much!

Niccolo De Luca

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June 30, 2020

The Honorable Scott Haggerty
Chair, MTC
Bay Area Metro Center
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

Re: Support for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) incorporation into Stage 1 of Plan Bay Area 2050

Dear Chair Haggerty,

As the State Legislative Delegation representing a majority of San Francisco, we write to you in strong support of the Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project's inclusion into Plan Bay Area 2050's first plan period, which consists of the years 2021 through 2035. The DTX project is a priority for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), is consistent with Caltrain's Business Plan Service Vision, and is consistent with the California High Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) 2020 Draft Business Plan.

Through the DTX program, Caltrain and High-Speed Rail (HSR) will become interconnected with the rest of the Bay Area and the State via AC Transit, BART, Golden Gate Transit, Muni, SamTrans, WestCAT Lynx, Amtrak, paratransit, and Greyhound. This interconnection fills a major gap in our transit system, regionally and beyond, while facilitating a better jobs-housing balance. Additionally, this project will allow for much needed traffic decongestion in the Bay Area's road and freeway systems. As you both know, we have some of the worst traffic in the State, if not the Country, and residents, visitors, and super-commuters are growing increasingly frustrated with their inability to maneuver into or within the region. This harms potential business, deters tourists, and poses major safety concerns. With regards to impacts in the immediate area, DTX will spur massive growth in Priority Development Areas such as the Downtown SF, South of Market, and Mission Bay areas.

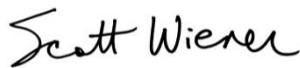
Along with the benefits already mentioned, the Downtown Rail Extension will reduce vehicle miles traveled, modernize the Bay Area's commuter systems, provide benefits to disadvantaged communities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and expand and improve rail service to increase ridership. TJPA secured the Federal Record of Decision last year, which provides environmental clearance and enters DTX into the "New Starts" funding program. Because of its numerous benefits and well-defined goals, multiple agencies including TJPA, MTC, Caltrain, CHSRA, the San Francisco's Mayor's Office, and SFCTA working together formed an integrated team to showcase and deliver the project in collaboration.

The determined work and collaborative spirit of this project warrants its implementation into Plan Bay Area 2050's first plan period.

This project and the jobs affiliated with the work are needed now more than ever as we seek to recover from the COVID related recession. In addition, as we work to get commuters back to their pre COVID habits, we need to ensure our transportation systems are ready to serve our public effectively and efficiently.

If there are any questions that our offices can answer, please contact Ann Fryman for Senator Wiener's office at ann.fryman@sen.ca.gov or Nicole Restmeyer for Assemblymember David Chiu's office at nicole.restmeyer@asm.ca.gov. We thank you for your deep consideration and look forward to the benefits that this project will bring to our region in the near future.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Senator, District 11



David Chiu
Assemblymember, District 17

CC:

Therese McMillan, Executive Director, MTC and ABAG

Nadia Sesay, Chair, TJPA

Mark Zabaneh, Executive Director, TJPA