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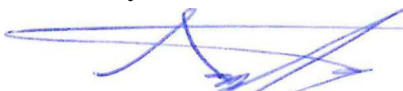
Dear Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Senator Skinner, Budget Committee Chair Assemblymember Ting, and Assemblymember Wicks:

As FY 2023-24 budget negotiations continue, the City of Albany urges you to maintain California's economy, job access for all, reducing traffic congestion, cleaning our air, and decreasing climate change pollution by prioritizing a multi-year funding package for public transit agencies across California to prevent severe service cuts, adapt to changing travel patterns and regrow ridership. However, provision of this package to agencies in the Bay Area should be predicated on substantial organizational improvement, such as consolidation to reduce overhead and improve service.

Public transit agencies across the state are on the brink of collapse and unless state lawmakers step in and save California's transit agencies, services will be cut, stations will be shuttered, and more Californians will be forced off of transit and into already clogged, polluting, and expensive highways — or simply be stranded without access to vital jobs, services and community connection that they currently access through transit.

We must save public transportation in California. Our state depends on it and we look forward to working with you to maintain a prosperous, secure, and clean California for all by ensuring that transit agencies receive the emergency funding they need.

Sincerely,



Aaron Tiedemann, Mayor  
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