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Carli Paine
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Dear Ms. Paine:

This letter is to lend the City of Albany's support for the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee's (WCCTAC) application for a Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) grant to develop and implement a Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage Plan.

The goal of the project is to alleviate congestion at the Bay Bridge, Carquinez Bridge, and the I-80 corridor by encouraging transit use through wayfinding, which is identified as a key focus area in MTC's Transit Connectivity Study. The proposed project area starts from Albany in Alameda County and extends through all of the cities and unincorporated areas in West Contra Costa County. The area is an ideal candidate for wayfinding signs as it is home to three BART stations, two major transit centers, the Capitol Corridor, AC Transit's rapid bus along San Pablo Avenue, significant portions of the Bay Trail, and the Ohlone Greenway; the entire area is within 1.5 miles bicycling radius of each of these transit amenities. The proposed project will also take advantage of other wayfinding initiatives at the regional level and in the neighboring cities of Berkeley and Oakland so as to promote a consistent character for the corridor.

We have had an excellent working relationship with WCCTAC in the past and look forward to continuing to do so with this project. We strongly urge TransForm and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition to grant funds for this worthwhile and much-needed plan.

Sincerely,

Marge Atkinson
Mayor