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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

RE: USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant and Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority I-105 ExpressLanes Project.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I offer this letter of support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's I-105 ExpressLanes project, which is seeking a \$45 million RAISE discretionary grant and/or MPDG funds.

The I-105 is a pivotal east-west corridor which connects Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and the 1-710 and I-605 freeways, the nation's critical freight arteries that enable both interstate and international commerce. On an average weekday, the severely congested I-105 carries between 200,000-250,000 vehicles at speeds averaging 20 miles per hour (mph) in the general purpose lanes and 23 mph in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane during the PM peak period, which can last as long as six hours.

Important to the project, the SBCCOG strongly supports robust parallel public transit alternatives for those that may be deterred from driving or those who cannot afford to pay the ExpressLanes tolls.

Metro does want to complete the project in advance of the LA 2028 Olympics and the Paralympics. The RAISE investment would help them accomplish that goal.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, at (310) 371-7222.

Sincerely,

Drew Boyles, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor, City of El Segundo

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