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Mountain View, CA 94041

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Mr. Daniel H. Rich, City Manager
Mr. Michael Fuller, Director, Public Works Department
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In re: Transportation projects list for VTP 2040 and Envision Silicon Valley

Dear Mr. Rich and Mr. Fuller:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning appreciates the opportunity to comment on the list of projects the City of Mountain View is submitting as part of the VTP 2040 update. We commend Staff for their work on the current list, which includes a number of important projects that we support.

There are several projects and ideas that we would strongly encourage Staff to add to the list that will be submitted to VTA. In particular, Caltrain is critically important to Mountain View, and we support a package of capital improvements that will increase capacity, speed up service, and enhance reliability. Regarding grade separations, we recommend that the ballot measure employ the county-wide "fund category" approach used in San Mateo County to fund grade separations along the Caltrain corridor. With a feasibility study for Rengstorff Avenue completed, Mountain View is in a good position to receive funding for this project. Furthermore, a large pot of funding would allow for additional grade separations over time, rather than a single, major investment in one project.

We also suggest that the following bicycle/pedestrian projects be included:

- Caltrain corridor bicycle/pedestrian trail feasibility study, as identified in the Parks and Open Space Plan
- San Antonio Caltrain Station underpass extension under Central Expressway, with mode separation similar to what has been done in the underpass at Homer Avenue in Palo Alto
- Permanente Creek Trail extension past Central Expressway/Caltrain corridor (roughly from Farley Street to Escuela Avenue) feasibility study, as identified in the draft Bicycle Transportation Plan

- Bicycle/pedestrian improvements, as identified in the California/Escuela /Shoreline Complete Streets Project
- Stevens Creek Trail widening and bicycle/pedestrian mode separation, where needed due to intense commute usage
- Bay Area Bike Share program operational funding and improvements (primarily through identifying locations that better meet demand and serve the public)

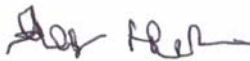
As with Caltrain grade separation, we support the fund category approach for trail extensions and protected bike lane installations.

MVCSP would also like to see a fund category for mode-shift and transportation demand management investment to help cities meet SOV reduction goals. For example, Mountain View has set a 45% SOV goal in the North Bayshore Precise Plan. A pot of funds from VTA could supplement funding acquired from development to pay for projects that help Mountain View meet this goal, and potentially similar goals in other change areas.

Finally, we encourage Staff to request operational funding for the Mountain View Community Shuttle. Specifically, we would like to ensure continued operation after the two-year grant from Google has ended, and we would like to see extended hours of operation and additional areas served.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



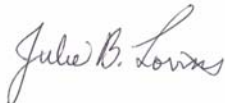
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