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Re: HSRA's Draft 2020 Business Plan

Dear Chairs Friedman and Bloom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), I would like to urge the members of the Committees to begin the process of appropriating the remaining \$4 billion in Proposition 1A funds to finish the Central Valley segment.

SAMCEDA supported the original Proposition 1A. Our organization and members are comprised of companies ranging from small and midsize businesses in San Mateo County to major employers such as Oracle, LinkedIn, Kaiser, Stanford, Facebook, Google, Genentech, Wells Fargo and many more.

California needs a high speed rail connection from the north, through the central valley, to the south. We need the jobs, we need the access between job centers and affordable homes, we need economic development in the central valley, and we need to spend this remaining funding according to the will of the voters.

California's future and post-pandemic recovery depends on bold decisions and a can-do attitude. *High Speed Rail* has always been bold and we need to show the Biden/Harris Administration we can do it, so we can attract funding which was not possible before.

Please release the funds so the central valley portion can be completed and continue to ensure the CHSRA balances the needs of local communities, especially along the Caltrain corridor between San Jose and San Francisco with the station in Millbrae, in supporting their housing and economic development goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Re Foust'.

Rosanne Foust
President & CEO, SAMCEDA