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Mr. Malcolm Dougherty
Director
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street, MS 49
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Re: Support for Application Submitted by SANDAG and City of Chula Vista for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Strategic Partnerships Grant Program

MISSION:

To accelerate
clean technology
innovation and
adoption of sustainable
business practices
for the benefit of
the economy and
the environment

Dear Director Dougherty:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for the Planning for Operations of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles application submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and City of Chula Vista in response to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Strategic Partnerships Grant Program.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. As a recognized leader in smart city technology deployment, the development of advanced and sustainable transportation is an important part of our regional efforts.

The San Diego Regional Proving Ground is an unprecedented partnership between SANDAG, the City of Chula Vista, Caltrans, and a consortium of industry and academic affiliates collaborating around connected and autonomous vehicle technology testing and deployment. As part of this effort, SANDAG has developed a Regional Mobility Hub Strategy that illustrates how shared mobility services and technology can improve access to transit and reduce reliance on the private automobile. This grant would build on these efforts to develop a Mobility Hub pilot project in the Regional Proving Ground that would demonstrate how shared, electric, connected and autonomous vehicle services can expand mobility for disadvantaged communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As a partner in the Regional Proving Ground, the City of Chula Vista provides an ideal demonstration environment for showcasing how shared mobility services and connected and autonomous vehicle technology can enhance popular transit services within the City. Further,

Chula Vista has demonstrated a strong commitment to becoming a smart city by leveraging technology to improve the quality of life for residents.

The Planning for Operations of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles project will help to advance the Mobility Hub concept in the region and serve as an example of how public-private partnerships can accelerate the deployment of technologies that provide significant benefits for transportation, safety, the environment, and accessibility.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Jason Anderson
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