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The Honorable Steve Vaus
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Mr. Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director
San Diego Association of Governments
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Re: Funding Request for COASTER Increased Service Frequencies

Dear Messrs. Vaus and Ikhata:

The undersigned members of the North County Transit District (NCTD) Board of Directors would like to formally request that the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) place on the agenda of a future meeting of their Board of Directors, a request to fund the capital acquisition costs for two new trainsets (consisting of two locomotives and eight rail cars and two rail cabcars), which will increase capacity as specified in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Every member of both our Board of Directors is focused on increasing transit ridership and improving the riding experience of our customers. Our region has demonstrated its commitment to improved service on the San Diego portion of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN) by investing more than \$767 million (\$210 million in local funds derived from TransNet and \$557 million from federal and other sources) into the LOSSAN corridor for rail infrastructure improvements and dedicating TransNet funds to support future operations.

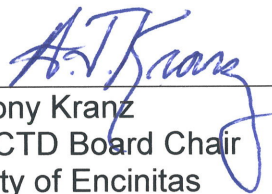
NCTD has received consistent feedback from customers and key stakeholders wanting to know when NCTD will implement increased service frequencies; specifically, when NCTD will implement the region's plans that would result in 30-minute COASTER frequencies to realize the significant investments in local, state, and federal funds to implement capacity-enhancement projects. NCTD is currently procuring replacement locomotives and passenger cars, implementing new and

upgraded technologies, and exploring new first and last mile solutions to support our plans to grow transit ridership.

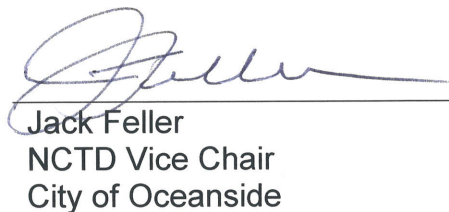
In order to implement our plans to grow transit ridership, we need SANDAG – as was contemplated in the TransNet Ordinance – to provide \$43.6 million so that NCTD can procure the two capacity-enhancing trainsets. As you are aware, it typically takes approximately 3 years to procure and take delivery of rail cars and locomotives. However, NCTD has included options on its current procurement of locomotives so that two additional capacity enhancing locomotives can be delivered in 2021 as well. Also, NCTD is part of a multi-agency procurement for rail cars and cabs that can also support delivery by 2021/2022. To take advantage of this unique opportunity, we need SANDAG to provide a commitment by July 31, 2019 to fund the costs in accordance with the attached milestone payment schedule.

We have requested that NCTD's Executive Director, Matthew Tucker, work with you to find an approach to make this happen. We are hoping that the SANDAG Board of Directors, with your leadership, will work collaboratively with NCTD to achieve this short-term goal that will provide significant benefits and congestion relief on the North Coast Corridor.

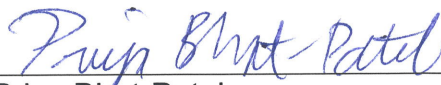
Sincerely,



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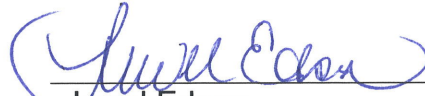
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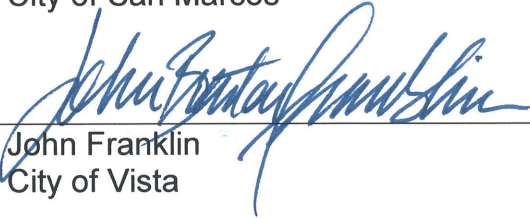
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