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January 14, 2025

To:

Ms. Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
2355 Crenshaw Blvd. – Ste. 125
Torrance, CA 90501

**RE: Support for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Application to the Caltrans
FY25-26 Sustainable Transportation Climate Adaptation Grant**

Dear Ms. Bacharach,

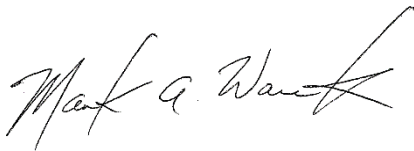
On behalf of the City of Lomita, I am pleased to support the South Bay Cities Council of Governments' (SBCCOG) application for the 2025-2026 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to fund the "South Bay Vulnerability Assessments and Climate Adaptation Strategies for Transportation." This project will build upon the SBCCOG's 2019 vulnerability assessments and climate adaptation plan.

With this funding, the SBCCOG will be able to update the vulnerability assessments and develop transportation adaptation strategies to reflect the current needs and challenges of our city and the South Bay sub-region. This important project will determine vulnerable areas based on climate projections, population sensitivity indicators, and adaptive capacity factors. With the project's findings, the SBCCOG will coordinate with our city to identify transportation adaptation strategies to address climate vulnerabilities and assure accessibility and connectivity for our residents during any disruptions that may result.

The SBCCOG first created the sub-regional and city-level vulnerability assessments and follow-up adaptation strategies in 2019. The work established a foundation for understanding how the South Bay and its residents will be affected by and can prepare for climate change, as well as a five-year timeline for updating adaptation plans. Five years later, this new project will incorporate updated climate projections and demographic data to determine how vulnerabilities have changed and pinpoint new strategies to address these vulnerabilities in maintaining our multi-modal transportation network.

In support of the SBCCOG on this new project, we are eager to share feedback on the drafted reports and community engagement efforts to help ensure the needs of our community are addressed. In doing so, we aim to ensure that our multi-modal transportation network is resilient and that it remains safe and accessible to our residents in the face of extreme climate events. Inland cities in the South Bay increasingly face challenges from climate change, such as extreme heat and flooding that impact their daily lives and, specifically, their mobility. With the completion of these new vulnerability assessments, communities like ours will be better equipped to understand and address these challenges. The transportation adaptation strategies identified will complement other agencies' broader transportation plans in providing more localized, specific actions to implement in our community.

As a member agency of the SBCCOG, we look forward to collaborating on the South Bay Vulnerability Assessments and Climate Adaptation Strategies for Transportation project. For these reasons, the City of Lomita strongly supports this grant application. If you have any questions, please contact our City Manager, Andrew Vialpando, at a.vialpando@lomitacity.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Waronek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

Sincerely,

Mark A. Waronek
Mayor
City of Lomita