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California Transportation Commission
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RE: CTC Meeting January 30-31, Reference 2.5e.(3), Action Item: SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION PHASE PPNO 2926X/EA 4J89U – SANTA CLARA COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 82 RESOLUTION FA-24-52

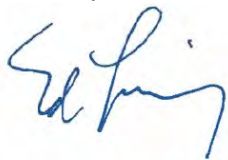
Dear Chair Guardino and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto, I would like to thank Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission for investing in State Highway 82, El Camino Real. I write to support a resolution allocating the following funding to the above referenced SHOPP project: \$8,300,000 from the Budget Act of 2023, Budget Act Item 2660-302-0890 and Non-Budget Act Item 2660-802-3290 for Construction Capital, and \$1,200,000 in Construction Support.

This funding ensures improvements to pavement condition, connectivity, and safety across multiple jurisdictions, including Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Palo Alto. Our community is eager for the project to be completed soon, and a [community meeting](#) hosted by State Senator Josh Becker and State Assemblymember Marc Berman in late 2023 attested to widespread interest in this project. The addition of bike lanes, high quality traffic controls, and pedestrian improvements is crucial to our safety and sustainability goals, enabling safer regional bicycle travel (particularly in combination with Caltrain), while also improving crossings of SR 82 which are extremely important for the hundreds of Palo Alto children and youth who must cross El Camino Real daily to reach their schools. Other stakeholders who have collaborated with Caltrans on the project and await its timely completion include Santa Clara County, the Valley Transportation Authority, and Stanford University.

We are grateful for the collaboration of Caltrans leadership and staff in bringing this project forward and working with our community. Thank you for your consideration of Caltrans' additional funding request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Ed Lauing
City of Palo Alto

Cc: Senator Josh Becker
Assemblymember Marc Berman
Palo Alto City Council