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Chair Bob Alvarado and Commissioners
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Item 78 on October 18-19 Agenda; San Francisco-Marín Food Bank (SF-MFB) Long-term Airspace Lease

Dear Chair Alvarado and Commissioners,

We are writing to respectfully request that the Commission approve Item 78 on your upcoming agenda. The item is a request by the California Department of Transportation (Department) to directly negotiate a long-term airspace lease with San Francisco-Marín Food Bank (SF-MFB), an organization that provides crucial nourishment to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

We further request that you authorize a lease payment at the current level of \$1,000 per month and allow a lease-term of at least 25 years. Such terms will justify the tenant improvements that SF-MFB is planning for the parcel and minimize the impact on their core programs.

Every day SF-MFB produces more than 110,000 meals and delivers groceries to nearly 5,300 families and seniors in need. This aid amounts to 36 million meals a year for the 225,000 people that rely on the help of the SF-MFB. Without it, San Franciscans would starve.

As the need for its services has grown, so has the SF-MFB. Over the course of its 30 year history, SF-MFB has connected to a network of 419 community organizations and operates 260 weekly pantries throughout San Francisco and Marin. Unfortunately, this growth in services also requires a growth in space, which is at a premium in San Francisco.

Your staff report outlines the benefits to the state from the approval of a long-term lease with SF-MFB. A state asset will be improved, maintenance costs will be saved, and neighborhood safety will increase. And the crucial mission of SF-MFB will be advanced.

Nonprofits such as the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank require cooperation from state and local government. This lease agreement provides the Department of Transportation with an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to the San Francisco community.

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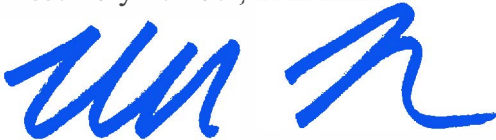
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, 17th District



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Assemblymember, 19th District



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