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President-Elect Joseph R. Biden  
Biden-Harris Transition Team  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
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Dear President-Elect Biden:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), congratulations on your successful election to become the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. Thank you for your decades of national leadership on rail and transit issues, and we look forward to working with your administration on ensuring surface transportation improves the lives of all Americans.

Today, Bay Area transit agencies are approaching a financial cliff due to COVID-19 and its impacts on almost all sources of transit revenue. The CARES Act served as an important lifeline to sustain operations and keep the riding public safe, but over the next 18 months transit agencies in the Bay Area could face revenue losses of up to \$1.7 billion.

We appreciate your swift actions to establish a Department of Transportation Review Team and select individuals who are keenly aware of the challenges facing transit agencies locally and nationwide. We are also grateful for your support of additional federal relief and calls for Congress to pass the HEROES Act (H.R. 925). The \$32 billion in emergency funding included in the HEROES Act for transit agencies nationwide would go a long way in backfilling COVID-19-related revenue losses and mitigating large-scale service cuts and job losses.

BART stands ready to work with your administration on the issues that will move this country forward: surface transportation reauthorization, a robust infrastructure package that addresses climate change, and programs to ensure transit operators are well-positioned to scale up service when the economy rebounds. Investment in public transit is a bipartisan issue, and BART is committed to working with Democrats and Republicans to build a public transportation infrastructure that is the pride of the nation.

Congratulations again on your election as President and we look forward to working with you to create a more innovative, equitable, and sustainable future. If your transition team would like a briefing from BART's executive management, please contact Rodd Lee, Assistant General Manager of External Affairs at (510) 464-6235 or rlee@bart.gov.

Sincerely,

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