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Adrian Guerrero Union Pacific Railroad 711 Church St, Roseville, CA 95678

Dear Mr. Guerrero:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I am writing to express support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. I am also writing to advise you that Caltrain is in a process of due diligence to determine how Caltrain might be able to serve as the operator of the service on TAMC's behalf. As such I am writing to request that the Union Pacific continue to support the program and commence the appropriate next steps in the planning process for the service.

As I am sure you are aware, TAMC is the sponsor of the project to extend passenger rail service into Monterey County. The Rail Extension to Monterey County Project is a transformative project that will create new multimodal transportation hubs for the disadvantaged communities of Pajaro and Castroville, and expand the Salinas Layover Facility. These multimodal stations will be served by new passenger rail service and bus transit that will connect residents of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties to employment, education and healthcare centers in the Santa Clara County, Silicon Valley, the greater San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento. The new rail service will allow travelers to connect to transit centers at Gilroy and San Jose Diridon Station, which allows for transfer onto Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, Altamont Corridor Express, and ultimately California high speed rail.

Caltrain's effort to operate the TAMC project is supported by CalSTA and is further enabled by the full electrification of the Caltrain corridor that will allow diesel equipment to be redeployed to the Monterey County service.

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Caltrain supports this important regional transportation project, which will aid in delivering a robust, multi-modal transportation network needed to support the ever-increasing jobs and population growth in the Bay Area, while decreasing congestion and environmental impacts to our region. Caltrain asks that you continue the important planning for the TAMC service.

Sincerely

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Chief Operating Officer, Rail

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