The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  

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Secretary Buttigieg,  

On behalf of ChargePoint, Inc., I am pleased to write and extend our robust support for the “Voigt Electric Mobility Hub (VEMH)” in its candidacy for DOT funding in the RAISE discretionary grant program. This exciting addition to the Blue Line’s extension offers a carbon-free last-mile transit option connecting the San Diego area, especially underserved and disadvantaged communities, to the thriving and culturally rich “Golden Triangle” innovation district and the UCSD campus.

The Voigt Electric Mobility Hub will continue to promote the use of regional light rail transit (LRT) to citizens while continuing to decrease emissions along the crowded I-5 corridor. In addition to offering a last-mile solution, the VEMH also boasts 400 level two charging stations which will promote the purchase and use of electric vehicles and assist in a speedier transition of the UCSD light and MHDV fleet to assist in reaching the 2030 fleet electrification goal. These chargers will prove central to both the area’s many residents of multifamily housing buildings and commuters who work daily in the area. As UCSD has a renewable energy purchasing agreement, the electricity powering these L2 chargers will be 100% carbon free.

Not only will vehicular and LRT commuters benefit from the Voigt Electric Mobility Hub, it will additionally serve the community through access to micromobility options such as electric bikes and scooters through charging and rental stations included in the VEMH plan. The plan’s 1.25 miles of additional Class IV protected bikeway will serve as yet another option to connect the UCSD campus and “Golden Triangle innovation district by joining the area’s already extensive Class IV bikeway network and providing access to LRT stations, healthcare facilities, and educational and employment opportunities in the area.

ChargePoint, a California based company that has been a provider of EV charging solutions since 2007, applauds the strong decarbonization potential of the Voigt Electric Mobility Hub along the I-5 corridor. Additionally, ChargePoint supports equitable access to EV and fleet charging, LRT, and micromobility options to the immediate Golden Triangle area and greater San Diego. This project, if granted, will assist in addressing environmental justice and accessibility issues and ensure the excellent facilities of UCSD, one of the jewels of the UC system, will be open to the greater public and as a resource to all people in San Diego.

The Voigt Electric Mobility Hub is a cause for great excitement for both the San Diego community and for ChargePoint as it is an excellent example for cities across the country to see the merit of providing clean transportation to all members of the community. We are committed to providing UCSD in its efforts to better its community through clean and thoughtful electrification efforts and once again voice our strong support for Voigt Electric Mobility Hub’s RAISE grant application. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Katie Tomarchio at katie.tomarchio@chargepoint.com with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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