May 18, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: UC San Diego’s RAISE Grant application for the Voight Electric Mobility Hub

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of UC San Diego’s application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to invest in the Voight Electric Mobility Hub and extend the impact of the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley. This proposal will provide the San Diego region a carbon-free last mile connection to cultural and coastal resources, along with the top-rated hospital in San Diego, well-paying jobs, specialty clinics, and educational opportunities at one of the nation’s top-ranked research universities.

This ambitious and innovative project will invest in electric transit infrastructure at the Voigt Electric Mobility Hub, which is sited on the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley, a light rail transit (LRT) extension that provides a one-seat ride between the U.S.-Mexico border and the UC San Diego campus in the heart of San Diego’s “Golden Triangle” innovation district for computing and biotech. The Voigt Electric Mobility Hub will leverage federal, state and local investments in the newly completed Mid-Coast Trolley Extension by providing new connectivity throughout the San Diego region and taking important steps towards decarbonizing existing transportation options.

By enabling electrified last-mile and active transportation connections, the project will make LRT a viable option for more commuters, providing needed relief from rising gas prices and reducing traffic and environmental impacts in the heavily impacted communities along the I-5 corridor. On evenings and weekends, it will serve as a park and ride facility, allowing southbound travelers headed to downtown San Diego and the border to transfer to LRT, saving money and reducing impacts.

Thank you for your consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

Scott Peters
Member of Congress

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