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Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Attn: CCTA Board of Directors 2999 Oak Road, Suite 100 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Dear CCTA Board:

I am writing to you on behalf of the UA Local 355 of Plumbers and Pipefitting (Utility/Landscape to express our support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's draft 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), which was released by your Board on August 28, 2019.

This plan, and a potential future measure to fund it, will build on the successes of Measure J and generate nearly \$3.6 billion in revenue over 35 years to improve transportation for all of Contra Costa's diverse communities. The infrastructure improvements outlined in this plan will result in thousands of high-quality jobs including project construction, maintenance, operations, manufacturing, and other professional services.

To further support local economic growth and access to quality jobs, this plan outlines policies that require prevailing rate of per diem wages be paid to all those employed on projects identified in the TEP, apprentice labor opportunities, and a good faith commitment by contractors to hire at least 40% of their total construction work force from Contra Costa County or any of the other eight Bay Area counties.

The members of UA Local 355 of Plumbers and Pipefitting (Utility/Landscape) recognize the significant investments proposed in this plan, and what those investments will mean to Contra Costa residents and workers. For these reasons, and all of the aforementioned, we are proud to support the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Sincerely,

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