

Contra Costa Transportation Authority
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Dear: Chair Robert Taylor and Members of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board

SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization that promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area through research, education and advocacy. Improving public transportation and increasing public transportation use in cities are core priorities for our organization.

On behalf of SPUR, I write in support of Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). Contra Costa residents have some of the longest commutes in the region. We should be doing everything we can to offer them affordable, reliable and efficient transportation options while also ensuring the county remains affordable for people of all incomes level. SPUR supports the TEP because it accomplishes both these goals while prioritizing equity, health and housing and as well as strong accountability measures.

We commend the plan for including unprecedented levels of funding for sustainable modes of transportation, prioritizing funding for projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring proportionately greater benefits for residents of communities of concern.

This plan reflects the thoughtful and tireless advocacy of local and regional groups who worked to ensure the plan included stronger equity, climate, health, safety, and accountability outcomes. That their ideas are included in the plan reflects the CCTA's commitment to working in coalition and willingness to challenge itself to think big and bold and embrace new ideas. This is real leadership and the result is a precedent setting measure that proposes transformative solutions.

SPUR is pleased to support the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Sincerely,



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