Attachment 4

October 4, 2022

City of Chula Vista
Engineering & Capital Projects Department
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA. 91910

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA BAYSHORE BIKEWAY GAP CLOSURE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION – LAGOON DRIVE TO H STREET (Segment
6B)

To Whom It May Concern:

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is pleased to support the City of Chula Vista's Cycle
6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application for a new 0.5-mile-long bike path segment that
would be the last link needed to provide a continuous bike path through western Chula Vista.

Our previous ATP letter of support for Cycle 5 was for the segment north of Lagoon Drive and we are
hopeful that with the recent substantial increase in State ATP funding, that it will be approved for funding.
With the Cycle 6 application, Chula Vista would be able complete the Bayshore Bikeway ahead of the
planned grand opening in summer of 2025 of the 1,600-room Gaylord Resort Hotel & Convention Center.
This area is currently undergoing a complete redevelopment and active transportation is a big component
as it is less than 0.5-mile away from regional light rail and transit centers.

The Bayshore Bikeway is a planned 24-mile-long bike path around San Diego Bay. As of today, more
than half of the bike path has been completed. With the strong community support for this facility,
combined with an agreement between MTS and the City of Chula Vista to use the inactive railroad
corridor, this project makes the best use of a linear inactive railroad corridor to provide the most direct
route through Chula Vista for commuters and recreational riders. The five cities that form the route for
this bike path, as well as the other regional agencies, strongly support completion of this facility and have
noticed increasing ecotourism as well as increased ridership which typically exceeds 600 per day.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Eastern Railway Company (nonprofit public benefit corporations). MTS member agencies include the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, El Cajon, Imperial Beach,
La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, San Diego, Santee, and the County of San Diego. MTS is also the For-Hire Vehicle administrator for nine cities.