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Ms. Adrienne Tissier, Chair
Programming and Allocations Committee
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
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Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Subject: Resolution No. 3434 Strategic Plan Update (Agenda Item Number 4d)

Dear Ms. Tissier:

I am writing you on behalf of the City of Fremont to support MTC staff's proposal regarding the funding of the BART to Warm Springs Extension that is included as part of the Resolution No. 3434 Strategic Plan Update on MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee Agenda this Wednesday. This is the first time that a plan has been developed to fully fund the BART to Warm Springs Extension, which has been on the drawing board for over 30 years. Moving ahead with the Warm Springs Extension now is more important than ever since it is a required precursor to the BART extension into Santa Clara County to connect BART with Silicon Valley jobs and the largest City in the Bay Area, San Jose.

The Warm Springs Extension is the City of Fremont's highest transportation priority, and as such, the City has committed a substantial amount of its own resources to help this project move forward. The MTC staff proposal calls for a fund exchange with the Dumbarton Rail Project in order to move the Warm Springs Extension forward. Although the Dumbarton Rail Project, which will run through Fremont, is also an important regional project, the MTC staff report correctly identifies several major issues that must be overcome by the Dumbarton Project before it can move forward. The Warm Springs Extension, on the other hand, is in final design and will be ready to move into construction within six months. Any delays to the Warm Springs Extension schedule will result in an annual cost increase of \$35-\$40 million, which our region simply can't afford.



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For these reasons, the City of Fremont urges the Programming and Allocations Committee favorably consider the MTC staff proposal for funding the BART to Warm Springs Extension at its June meeting, and recommend its approval when it comes to the Committee for action in July. The region should not let this opportunity to finally start construction of the Warm Springs Extension pass.

Sincerely,



Bob Wasserman
Mayor

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