



April 7, 2015

Hon. Adrienne J. Tissier  
MTC Commissioner Representing San Mateo County  
Chair of the Administration Committee  
Supervisor, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Hall of Justice, 400 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Via email: [atissier@smcgov.org](mailto:atissier@smcgov.org)

**RE: Bay Area Bike Share Expansion Proposal: Motivate International, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Tissier:

Last Thursday, the City of San Mateo was informed that on April 8, 2015 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Administration Committee is going to discuss a proposal from Motivate International, Inc. to expand the existing Bay Area Bike Share pilot system from 700 bicycles to 7,000 bicycles with no additional public funds.

The City of San Mateo supports this regional expansion of the system, but was shocked to learn that the City of San Mateo was excluded from the proposed list of expansion cities. This is especially troubling due to the fact that the City has been working directly with MTC staff over the past six months as part of the Bay Area Bike Share Regional Expansion team to hammer out details for the future regional expansion. Furthermore, the City of San Mateo was a contributor to MTC's Active Transportation Program's Regional Bike Share Expansion grant application and was awarded/programmed \$1.366 million for the regional bike share expansion to San Mateo. This grant award (in different amounts) was also awarded to the cities of San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland and San Jose, but all of these cities were included in Motivate's proposal.

Due to the fact that the City has been working directly with MTC staff over the past six months and that grant funds were awarded/programmed to the City of San Mateo for bike share expansion, the City would like to be "grandfathered" into any proposal that MTC considers for the regional expansion of the Bay Area Bike Share system. The City of San Mateo knows that there is market for bike share in the San Mateo County and would like to work with Motivate on sponsorships in both the City of San Mateo and San Mateo County because we believe there are many companies that would welcome the opportunity to join the Bay Area Bike Share system as a sponsor.

If, for any reason, the City of San Mateo is not included in the regional expansion, the City would like MTC to consider reallocating the \$1.366 million of awarded grant funds for another project in San Mateo that would meet MTC's goals. The City has a number of pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects that are in dire need of additional funding, so the grant funds would be used for active transportation purposes.

In the end, the City of San Mateo would like an opportunity to further discuss these issues with MTC and request that our concerns be brought up at the MTC Administration Committee meeting.

We appreciate your attention on this matter and thank you in advance for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,



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