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Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments  
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**Subject: Support for Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grant Submission: San Diego Regional Last-Mile Freight Delivery Plan**

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

I am writing to express support on behalf of Climate Action Campaign for the San Diego Regional Last-Mile Freight Delivery Plan (Project) submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for funding consideration under the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grant Program.

The Project will develop a plan to optimize the delivery of goods to homes and businesses to advance regional goals of improving safety and reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and emissions. The Plan will create an implementation strategy for a proposed Regional Last-Mile Freight Delivery Program, including analyzing how potential funding strategies and revenue uses could meet local and regional needs. This will include outreach and engagement with community members and industry representatives to identify challenges experienced by members of the public and help shape realistic strategies for the private sector. Strategies will leverage new technologies and transportation innovations to prevent conflicts between last-mile delivery vehicles and vulnerable road users (people walking, biking, riding transit, and using accessibility devices) while improving carrier efficiency.

The resulting proposal for a Regional Last-Mile Freight Delivery Program structure will include a path to implementation that navigates legal obstacles, a funding policy to ensure sufficient revenue, and a spending plan that meets the region's safety, transportation, equity, and sustainable funding goals. This will advance recommendations and actions identified in the California Transportation Plan 2050, California Freight Mobility Plan 2023, California Sustainable Freight Action Plan, San Diego and Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy, and SANDAG Concept of Operations for Curb Access Management.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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Climate Action Campaign