

July 1, 2022

Thomas Arndt
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
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RE: ADELANTE SELBY SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

Dear Mr. Arndt:

The _____ is pleased to support the One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) application for the proposed Adelante Selby Spanish Immersion School Safe Routes to School project. This project would be built at the confluence of the Town of Atherton, City of Redwood City, and County of San Mateo. This initiative will advance complete streets and safety improvements for a disadvantaged community that is disconnected from a regional Spanish immersion school in Atherton.

Currently, the majority of the 730 students attending this K-5 schools live in Redwood City or the South Fair Oaks neighborhood of San Mateo County, where disadvantaged families enroll children who travel up to two miles to school. However, their path includes crossing an unsignalized six-lane arterial at El Camino Real (SR-82) before traveling on a two-lane collector road with no sidewalks or bicycle facilities.

This needed project would implement traffic calming improvements at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane that will enable children to safely make the journey to this regional immersion school. It will also complement the active transportation and safety improvements planned in the South Fair Oaks neighborhood and similar investments along El Camino Real. Ultimately, it will help connect a disadvantaged community to a regional public immersion school currently bisected by a major unsignalized intersection.

We urge you to support funding for this important subregional safe routes to school priority.

Sincerely,