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Dan Rich, City Manager
Dawn Cameron, Assistant Public Works Director
City of Mountain View
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Re: Automated Guideway Transit Feasibility Study-Phase 2

Dear Mr. Rich and Ms. Cameron:

As a follow up to our recent discussions regarding the next phase of the City's automated guideway transit (AGT) analysis, I wanted to reiterate Google's strong support for continuing the momentum created by the *City of Mountain View Automated Guideway Transit Feasibility Study: Evaluation of Alternatives and Feasibility Report*, which was released last year. Google remains a strong proponent of evaluating all options to help decrease traffic within Mountain View, including the potential use of an AGT system linking the Mountain View Transit Center with North Bayshore and the NASA Ames Research Center area.

We recognize that the development of the City's upcoming capital improvement program (CIP) will require the City Council to review many proposed projects in order to determine which ones will receive funding in connection with the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Google, as a strong supporter of the next phase of the City's AGT analysis, is proposing to contribute \$250,000 towards further work on this project, if it is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

Our contribution is a reflection of our desire to continue to work jointly with the City to develop non-roadway solutions to the traffic challenges within Mountain View and the region. We hope the City agrees to fund the next phase of the City's AGT analysis as one its capital projects. We share in the belief that we must jointly continue to move forward with evaluation of mobility alternatives, and, based upon our review of the various transportation solutions that exist today, we remain optimistic that an AGT system within Mountain View is both viable and logical. Future transit solutions are coming our way, and this work is key to making a true determination of the viability of the project, either with AGT or a future alternative system.

We understand the next phase of analysis will focus on the potential routing of the AGT system and not which particular technology is the right solution. This work, we feel, will allow the City to ready itself for new technology and select the best system possible <u>at the time</u> the system is ultimately designed, funded, and constructed. We hope our financial support for the City's efforts to continue to evaluate the AGT feasibility helps make this important study a reality in the near future.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brendon Harrington

Director, Transportation

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CC: Mountain View City Council

Mike Fuller, Public Works Director