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Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the June 12, 2018 draft of Mountain View's *Citywide Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP)*. The MIP strategies appear to closely align with the intent of VTA's 2010 *Deficiency Plan Requirements* and I appreciate the coordination and collaboration with City of Palo Alto staff.

As you may know, the City of Palo Alto recently adopted the *Comprehensive Plan 2030* and the accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR) projected a significant and unavoidable motor vehicle operations impact at the intersection of San Antonio Road and El Camino Real. This intersection is a congestion management program (CMP) intersection, and covered by Mountain View's MIP, anticipated to be adopted by Mountain View City Council in September 2018 and by the VTA Board of Directors in November 2018.

Rather than duplicate efforts, Palo Alto staff plan to seek authorization from Palo Alto City Council to follow the recommendations and strategies in Mountain View's MIP for the San Antonio Road and El Camino Real intersection. This approach is consistent with interjurisdictional guidance section of the *Deficiency Plan Requirements*, which encourages creation of a comprehensive MIP to reduce the number of cumulative plans created. Furthermore, Palo Alto and Mountain View's transportation policies are similar as it relates to limiting roadway capacity expansions and promoting alternatives to single occupant vehicle travel.

Palo Alto Staff plan to present this approach to Palo Alto City Council for consideration later this fall, in accordance with the CMP statute.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarrett Mullen, Senior Transportation Planner, at jarrett.mullen@cityofpaloalto.org or by phone at (650) 329-2218.

Yours truly,


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