

June 8, 2021

Ms. Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Proposal for Temporary Bus-Only Lanes on Charleston Road

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

On behalf of Google, I am writing to confirm that we are willing to design, obtain permits, and install temporary bus-only lanes along Charleston Road between Salado Drive and Shoreline Boulevard, as proposed by the Mountain View Transportation Management Association (MTMA).

These temporary bus-only lanes should improve transit operations along Charleston Road and encourage North Bayshore commuters to use VTA, MVgo, and employer-provided transit to commute to Mountain View by making mass transit more appealing than driving alone. Over the past year, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) approved the installation of “temporary emergency transit lanes” along eight corridors within the City and County of San Francisco. According to the SFMTA, “If just a fraction of the people riding transit before the crisis begin driving alone, traffic congestion will be so severe that it could paralyze the city’s economic recovery.”

We anticipate that the City staff will want to review the performance of the proposed temporary bus-only lanes and report back to the City Council after the summer break and beyond. We recognize that it would be the City of Mountain View’s decision to modify, extend, or end the pilot project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Brendon Harrington
Director of Transportation

Cc: Javier González, Head of California Local Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google
Dawn Cameron, Public Works Director, City of Mountain View