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Subject: Support for Bus Stop Enhancements in Key Transit Corridors in the City of Fontana

Dear Mr. Steve Smith:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fontana to express our support for working in partnership with OmniTrans and SBCTA to improve transit service in key areas of our community. We believe that enhancing public transportation is vital to providing safe, efficient, and reliable options for both residents and commuters.

Our current focus is on improving bus stops and transit frequency along priority corridors such as Foothill Blvd, Sierra Ave, and San Bernardino Ave. These areas have consistently shown high levels of ridership, and we see an immediate opportunity to improve the experience for transit users by upgrading bus stops with better shelters, seating, lighting, signage, and off-board fare payment stations. Additionally, we are supportive of improving transit travel times by enhancing frequency and exploring transit signal priority on some of these corridors. While we are not yet prepared to implement full bus lanes, these initial improvements will help increase transit access and comfort for our residents, laying the groundwork for future enhancements.

These upgrades also align with the goals of our City's General Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and Local Roadway Safety Plans, all of which prioritize improved accessibility and multimodal options. In addition, these improvements directly support the SBCTA Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan, which aims to connect our residents with job opportunities, essential services, and increased business activity.

The city believes that by prioritizing these practical and readily achievable improvements, we can make meaningful progress in enhancing public transportation, while carefully considering future opportunities, such as dedicated bus lanes, as demand and conditions evolve.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with OmniTrans and SBCTA and exploring further opportunities to provide high-quality transit service in the City of Fontana. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 909-350-7653.

Sincerely,

ACQUANETTA WARREN Mayor of the City of Fontana

CC:

Raymond Wolf, Executive Director of SBCTA Erin Rogers, Chief Executive Officers of OmniTrans