



May 9, 2025

The Honorable Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Request for Transit Stop Lighting Infrastructure

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I write in support of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) Transit Stop Lighting Infrastructure Community Project Funding request. The SFMTA is requesting \$2.5 million in Community Project Funding and is committing up to an additional \$5.5 million in local funds from the San Francisco General Fund (Prop B) and the San Francisco County Vehicle Registration Fees (Prop AA) to implement lighting improvements at high-impact transit stops across the City. This investment will improve customer experience, safety, and usability of San Francisco's Muni transit system in a cost-effective way.

Safety is ranked as a major priority by 80% of Muni customers surveyed in 2024. However, roadway, transit zone, and shelter lighting conditions are highly variable. Lighting fixtures may be outdated, insufficient, or inconsistent. Improving lighting at Muni stops has been found to increase feelings of safety—especially for women, girls, seniors, and other vulnerable populations—in a scalable and cost-effective way. Many nighttime riders are working class individuals, and data shows that dependent groups are riding Muni more than before the pandemic. As of 2024, 87% of riders on nighttime routes are low-income earners, versus 71% of daytime riders. Of nighttime riders, 70% are people of color versus 57% of daytime riders. Improving lighting conditions at Muni stops will benefit all riders, but especially those who are most vulnerable and transit-dependent.

The project is both beneficial for the community and aligned with the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) safety standards. It incorporates strategies identified in USDOT's Safe System Approach for Safer Roads and Transit Security Design Considerations guidelines.

As such, I write in support of this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lurie", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Lurie
Mayor of San Francisco