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June 30, 2022

Mr. Hasan Ikhrata Chief Executive Officer SANDAG 401 B Street, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Ramona Transit Improvement Request/Youth Opportunity Pass Program

Dear Mr. Ikhrata,

I am writing to inform you of the Ramona Community Planning Group's interest in expanding transit options for their community to optimize participation in the SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP) pilot program that began last month.

Although this jointly-funded program provides free transit to riders aged 18 and under, the limited transit operations currently available in Ramona preclude many of Ramona's youth from taking full advantage of this new opportunity, particularly during their summer vacation. The challenges to participating in the YOP pilot program include a lack of available transit options during the middle of the day, a lack of direct routes to desirable destinations, and unreasonably long travel times.

Attached is correspondence provided to me by the Ramona Planning Group, including an informative presentation outlining the community's transit challenges in detail. I urge you to promptly review these suggestions and coordinate with our regional transit operators to implement the transportation improvements necessary to ensure the success of SANDAG's YOP program in Ramona.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me or Michael Kulis of my staff at (619) 531-5522.

Sincerely,

Joe Anderson

Supervisor, Second District

Ms. Sharon Cooney, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transit System Cc: Mr. Matthew Tucker, Executive Director, North County Transit District

Attachments