



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**Mary Casillas Salas**

December 12, 2016

Mr. Gary Gallegos  
Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

On behalf of The City of Chula Vista, I am pleased to confirm our partnership in applying to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to designate the San Diego region as an Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot location.

Our history of strong coordination and alliance with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) in planning, developing and implementing innovative transportation solutions. Successful delivery of major projects like the SR-125 Toll road (Public-Private Partnership), the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit dedicated guideway and, many Active Transportation and Safety projects over the years is a testament to our goal to provide the community with many viable transportation options. Accelerating the use and deployment of automated vehicles (AV) in the City and throughout the San Diego region provides additional options and supports our Smart City Vision.

The City of Chula Vista, which is the second largest city in the San Diego region, provides an opportunity for AV testing on a diverse network of local streets and roadways along with supporting infrastructure. From the traditional grid patterned streets of our historical west side to the master-planned Smart Growth communities in our eastern territories, the variety of facilities provides a perfect test bed. Additionally, the availability of space at our municipal vehicle maintenance garage facility can provide a staging and maintenance site for the test and support vehicles. The recent completion of the Traffic Management Center coupled with the traffic signal communication system can provide surveillance, monitoring and data collection.

Our partnership and commitment to advance automated vehicle technology, efficiency and safety across all modes will greatly improve personal and commercial mobility. We look forward to supporting the USDOT, SANDAG, Caltrans and the AV Developers in accelerating the safe deployment of automated vehicles and transforming transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Casillas Salas".

MARY CASILLAS SALAS  
Mayor