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MAYOR

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Mr. Gary Gallegos
Executive Director
San Diego Association of Governments
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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

On behalf of the City of San Diego, I am pleased to support the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to designate the San Diego region as an Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot location.

The San Diego region presents an ideal proving ground environment offering two closed facilities, the Interstate 15 Express Lanes and the South Bay Expressway, for automated vehicle (AV) testing at the corridor level. Furthermore, San Diego is a global hub for wireless industry innovation, academic research institutes, and cyber security advancements that bring expertise and talent to ensure the success of the federal proving ground concept.

SANDAG has demonstrated commitment and leadership in advancing AV deployment through the Regional Transportation Plan (San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan) which allocates significant resources to vehicle technology roadway components to support AVs. Through its experience with Integrated Corridor Management, SANDAG and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have created a platform for effective cross-agency collaboration where multimodal transportation data is continuously collected and shared to safely manage the transportation system.

The City of San Diego is committed to supporting USDOT, SANDAG, and Caltrans to accelerate the safe deployment of automated vehicles and transform transportation.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
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