



## COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE

SIXTH DISTRICT  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to designate the San Diego region as an Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Grounds Pilot location.

The San Diego region presents an ideal proving ground environment offering several closed facilities, including the Interstate 15 Express Lanes, which borders on the eastern boundary of my Council District. 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, which allocates significant resources to vehicle technology roadway components to support AVs. Through their experience with Integrated Corridor Management, SANDAG and Caltrans have created a platform for effective cross-agency collaboration where multi-modal transportation data is continuously collected and shared to safely manage the transportation system.

Automated vehicle technology seeks to advance efficiency and safety across all modes and greatly improve personal and commercial mobility to accelerate the safe deployment of automated vehicles and transform transportation. It is my strong hope that San Diego will be a leader in this new frontier of technology and innovation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Cate  
Councilmember, Sixth District

