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Carl G. Sedoryk
General Manager / Chief Executive Officer
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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FUNDING EAST ALISAL BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) AND
SALINAS TRANSIT CENTER (STC) RELOCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Dear Mr. Sedoryk:


The City of Salinas supports Monterey-Salinas Transit's (MST's) application to the Federal Transit Administration's Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program for funding to conduct the East Alisal Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Salinas Transit Center (STC) Relocation Feasibility Study.

Salinas serves as the county seat of Monterey County and is the largest municipality by population in the Central Coast region. MST is the sole public transit provider in Salinas. Many Salinas residents rely on MST's public transit service to access education, employment, medical appointments, and other essential services. The proposed study would advance the implementation of three City community strategic plans; the Downtown Vibrancy Plan (DVP, 2015), East Alisal Street Corridor Plan (ACP, 2019) and the Alisal Vibrancy Plan (AVP, 2019). The DVP identified the relocation of STC to provide multimodal accessibility to connect residents to work, education, and training. ACP recommendations include reallocating the East Alisal Street roadway to better accommodate multimodal infrastructure. In the AVP, the community identified the improvement of transit services, specifically working with MST to match bus schedules and routes to community needs and exploring Bus Rapid Transit as emerging priorities.

The proposed feasibility study aligns with the City's community plan strategies, and the City of Salinas supports MST's efforts towards implementing infrastructure improvements for high quality and efficient public transit for Salinas residents.

Sincerely,

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Kimbley Craig,
Mayor of Salinas

cc: Salinas City Council
Steve Carrigan, City Manager