



February 1, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support: San Francisco Beyond Traffic: The Smart City Challenge

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 members with over 200,000 employees in San Francisco and across the Bay Area, supports the City of San Francisco's submission to Beyond Traffic: The Smart City Challenge.

The opportunities afforded by Connected Automated Vehicle (CAV) technology will improve mobility for all of us who move around the Bay Area daily, either by personal car, shared mobility, public transportation, biking or walking. In San Francisco where city streets are increasingly congested, it will reduce demands for street space and parking while lowering the incidence of traffic fatalities and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The expanded and integrated shared mobility features incorporated in CAV technology will enable employees to get to work and home more quickly and safely. Businesses will be able to deliver their products with greater efficiency, reliability and affordability as travel times and costs are reduced. This is a winning formula for everyone who works, lives, visits and does business here.

The San Francisco application contains a community-driven process in which neighborhoods will be invited to apply as pilot sites to test the technology in local areas. Collaboration between city residents, local businesses, services providers and other key stakeholders forms the basis of the San Francisco submission and we at the San Francisco Chamber applaud that approach. We urge your support of San Francisco as a participant in the Smart City Challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lazarus', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus  
Senior Vice President, Public Policy