



Ms. Celeste Fiore

Valley Transportation Authority Programming & Grants

3331 North First Street

San Jose, CA 95134

Dear Ms. Fiore,

Please support the City of Palo Alto grant application for Charleston/Arastradero Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing funds. Palo Alto Council of PTAs fully supports the Charleston /Arastradero Plan's implementation which requires this important signal timing technology.

Charleston/Arastradero connects thousands of nearby residences and neighborhoods to important walking and bicycling destinations, including: elementary, middle and high schools, city parks, community centers, playing fields, preschools, and recreational and work commute regional bike connections between the western hills and baylands.

We understand that active traffic signal management supports safe and efficient roadways. The Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing on Charleston/Arastradero will improve traffic operations by improving travel times, reducing congestion, and reducing idling, especially during the morning peak hour when crosstown commuter traffic and school commute traffic converges, creating severe congestion. Traffic signal enhancements will minimize the number of drivers slowing down suddenly, which also causes pollution. In turn, air quality around our schools and in Palo Alto will be improved.

Adaptive traffic signal timing would enable completion of the transformation of this school commute corridor that carries nearly 20,000 car trips per day and many hundreds of students on foot and on bicycles to nearby schools.

Please approve the City of Palo Alto application for funding. We look forward to a safer, more sustainable, and more efficient street environment for all road users, including PAUSD students.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Audrey Gold

President, Palo Alto Council of PTAs