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Mayor Ricard Tran
City of Milpitas
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Subject: Personal Rapid Transit Project

The Honorable Mayor Tran:

Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) is the only proven technology that, in a large deployment, could pay its own way from farebox revenues alone (no subsidies), and significantly reduce both congestion and transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and regional air pollutants.

It is difficult to build large-scale PRT deployments without first having small-scale projects like the one proposed for Milpitas. The Milpitas PRT project is thus vital to proving the viability of modern PRT in the US.

The approach chosen by for Milpitas is unique: leadership by a locally -owned and operated non-profit business rather than a for-profit private business or a public governmental agency. This new approach to building transit merits investigation.

In light of our climate emergency, we must do many things at once to reduce our carbon emissions. Electrifying our transportation sector with highly efficient PRT systems is one of them. This particular PRT project will provide US transit stakeholders with hard numbers on various costs and benefits. That data will be very helpful to cities across the country.

For these reasons, we urge the City of Milpitas and other stakeholders to support the development of a PRT system in Milpitas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter J. Muller". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Peter J. Muller, P.E.
ATRA President, on behalf of the ATRA Board