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Milpitas Mayor and Council Members
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association Board voted to support the the proposed MOU presented to you on March 19 that would create an advanced transit system to serve the BART transit hub and surrounding Transit Area. Due to our Climate Emergency, new transportation options are required that don't rely upon carbon-based fuels. The technology proposed relies upon electricity for its operation.

Furthermore, such a system would support the objectives of the Economic Development Strategy currently being developed by the City. Specifically, the proposed dual-loop Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system would:

- be an example of a forward-looking economic growth opportunity that serves the Transit Area with last-mile transit, and potentially serves other congested areas of Milpitas;
- assist in retaining and expanding existing businesses and industries by providing enhanced transportation infrastructure;
- attract emerging technologies related to advanced transit;
- prepare our local workforce for future jobs in advanced transit;
- encourage commercial and industrial development and reinvestment by providing last-mile transit for Transit Area employees;
- bolster the City's fiscal health through increased property tax revenue resulting from new transportation infrastructure.

We acknowledge this PRT project is an experiment that may not develop as currently proposed. However, since no City funding nor uncompensated staff time is required for the project, the City's risk level is near zero. Even partial success will provide both Milpitas and San José (which is also pursuing a PRT system) with invaluable data on costs and performance of PRT technology. For these reasons we urge your support.

Sincerely,

Allysson McDonald, President

MOU Reference: <http://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org/mou-milpitas.pdf>