May 29, 2015

Chair Julie K. Pierce  
Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
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Subject: Sublicense for CV/AV Testing at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station

Dear Chair Pierce,

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 2015 that included the signed Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) sublicense in support of the GoMentum Station Program (the testing of autonomous vehicles and connected vehicles (AV/CV)) on the former Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS). The City of Concord remains an enthusiastic partner and believes that the program will have a positive impact on the development of AV/CV technology, may lead to the creation of high-quality jobs in Concord and the region as a whole, and will increase the CNWS’ profile on a national and international level—which will help with marketing the site and the CNWS development project.

I appreciate CCTA’s willingness to manage the GoMentum Station Program in a manner that avoids conflicts with the development of the CNWS property and stays within the program rules of access and operation being placed directly on the City and indirectly on CCTA by the Navy. I know that CCTA and Concord share the mutual goals of making both GoMentum and the City’s Reuse Project for the base a success.

With that in mind, our staffs have been in conversation and will continue to work on the four issues of importance to CCTA that you raised in your letter. First, CCTA and its vehicle testing partners desire authorization for video and photography on-site to document the AV/CV testing. City staff believes it has a path forward with the Navy to make this a possibility. It will involve having the vehicle-testing company make a special request for this authority to the Navy through the City of Concord once it has signed its sublicense. City staff reviewed this approach with CCTA staff at a May 26 meeting.

Second, CCTA desires to have 24-hour access to the site to allow for testing at night. Limited nighttime access authorization is achievable. City and CCTA staffs discussed the plan to make this request to the Navy at the appropriate time. However, currently all access is controlled through the Army guard station and they close around dusk, so nighttime access won’t be feasible until an alternative access point to the site is developed. CCTA staff indicated they don’t
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expect to have a near-term need for in-the-dark-access to the site, nor do they anticipate needing 24-hour access. Consequently, City staff believes this issue can be resolved successfully at the appropriate time.

The third request was that the City amend your sublicense to allow CCTA staff to have escort privileges in order to market and manage the GoMentum Station Program. Concord's goal is to work with your staff to allow this to happen. However, in the near-term it is not possible given the restrictions that the Navy has placed on the City of Concord in regards to this issue. However, staff and I concur that it is a goal we all need to work towards as it will remove a burden from the City of Concord and will facilitate the GoMentum Station Program. I also know that Concord and CCTA staffs have started a dialogue on the best approach to this request.

Your last request is related to the development of new access point to the site to ease the operations of the GoMentum Station Program. I have good news for you on this front. The City has already started a process to develop an alternative access point to the site off of Willow Pass Road. Staff anticipates that by working with the Navy, Concord will be successful in establishing this new access. The Navy has indicated to City staff that it shares the goal of creating an alternative access point because it will benefit maintenance and clean-up work on the property. Again, your staff has recently been briefed on the City's efforts in this area.

In closing, on behalf of the Concord City Council, I want to thank the CCTA Board and staff for both envisioning and moving forward the concept of a CV/AV test bed in Concord and reiterate the Concord Council's support for the GoMentum Program. More particularly I want to note that both our staffs have made it a priority to establish good communication and a partnership approach and I trust that this will lead to the GoMentum Program's success.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Mayor

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