

April 13, 2018

The Honorable David Chiu
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State Capitol, Room 4112
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RE: AB 2865 (Chiu) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization that promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area through research, education and advocacy. Improving public transit and increasing transit use in cities are core priorities for our organization.

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express our support for AB 2865, which would allow the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to continue to explore the possibility of using managed lanes as a tool to alleviate congestion on the I-280 extension and US-101 corridors. This legislation will ensure that local agencies along the Bay Area Peninsula have the tools they need to improve travel for commuters, carpoolers, and transit riders in the region.

Managed lanes already exist in the Bay Area and on the US-101 Corridor in Santa Clara County. San Mateo County has selected a preferred alternative to implement managed lanes on US-101 in their county, and the SFCTA is currently exploring the feasibility of extending them into San Francisco to create a continuous corridor throughout the Peninsula. AB 2865 would allow a consistent and collaborative approach to managed lanes that would create a seamless facility for members of the public and allow the three counties to coordinate policy decisions and plan for public transit services to serve travelers along the length of the corridor.

SPUR has long called for better management of our existing roads – including in our recently published *Caltrain Corridor Vision Plan*, which calls for a cohesive highway lane management scheme from San Francisco to San Jose. Evidence shows that we can use design and policy to increase the number of people the highway can move, increase safety and also reduce the delays that motorists and transit users face every day. There are many communities that are located near the highway and will benefit from better highway management.

SPUR is pleased to support AB 2865 and we thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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