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**SFCTA Chair Mandelman Statement on DMV Suspension of Cruise Operations
in San Francisco**

SAN FRANCISCO — Today, San Francisco County Transportation Authority Chair Rafael Mandelman released this statement regarding the California Department of Motor Vehicle’s suspension of Cruise Autonomous Vehicle (AV) operations in San Francisco.

“As we look at the expansion of emerging technologies in our City, we know that AVs can potentially be a reliable option to help San Franciscans navigate our streets. However, these technologies must also be regulated to ensure that they don’t cause more harm than good,” said **SFCTA Chair Rafael Mandelman**.

“We have received reports of AVs nearly injuring pedestrians, blocking emergency vehicles, and colliding with buses or light rail vehicles. These incidents can prevent people from making it to work on time, hold up traffic for hours, and prevent firefighters from being able to respond to calls. If we want to expand AV operations in San Francisco, we must make sure that Federal and State regulators are taking a close look at these concerns and incorporating them into their operations so that we can keep our roads safe and accessible for all.”

“I want to thank Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin, the Office of Mayor London Breed, San Francisco County Transportation Authority Executive Director Tilly Chang and her staff, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and the San Francisco Fire Department for their combined efforts to advocate for the safe implementation of AVs while maintaining and advancing Citywide goals. I look forward to continued collaboration with these agencies, the California Department of Motor Vehicles, AV companies, and our first responders to ensure that AVs prioritize the safety and efficiency of movement on our streets.”

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