



March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Jacksonville's (COJ) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application - Northeast Florida's Electric Vehicle Overhaul and Low-Emission Transit (E-VOLT) Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

On behalf of the North Florida TPO, the independent transportation planning agency for Northeast Florida, and its long-standing North Florida Clean Fuels initiative, dedicated to uniting public fleets, fuel providers, community leaders, and other stakeholders in pursuit of energy-efficient and alternative fuel solutions in transportation, I express our support for the City of Jacksonville's (COJ) application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Both the TPO, through our transportation planning efforts, and the Clean Fuels Coalition are committed to fostering sustainable transportation solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy efficiency, and enhance the quality of life in our communities. The E-VOLT project is an initiative that aligns with our mission by seeking to substantially lower the region's transportation-related emissions.

The proposed project's focus areas will support our region's environmental and economic future. By transitioning public fleets to electric, expanding mobility hubs, and developing pedestrian and bicycle paths, E-VOLT not only addresses the issue of climate change but also significantly contributes to our local economy. Infusing grant funds will catalyze job creation in EV maintenance, charging infrastructure installation, and other green sectors, fostering economic growth and resilience.

Moreover, we are advocates of the project's emphasis on benefiting low-income and disadvantaged communities. By improving access to clean, efficient, and affordable transportation options, E-VOLT stands to enhance mobility, reduce energy burdens, and contribute to healthier living environments across our region.

We support the successful implementation of the E-VOLT project and believe that our collective expertise and networks within the transportation and energy sectors are invaluable in overcoming challenges and maximizing the project's impact. The collaborative nature of this initiative ensures that investments made will be amplified beyond the immediate scope, paving the way for a more sustainable and prosperous Northeast Florida.

Thank you for consideration of the City of Jacksonville's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff A. Sheffield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff A. Sheffield
Executive Director