

Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond

FY24 Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program:
Implementation Grants General Competition

April 1, 2024

Letters of Intent



Introduction

The Metro Transit Coalition (Coalition), comprised of regional transportation and regional rail joint powers authorities and units of local governments from Los Angeles and Orange counties, are partnering with a shared commitment to deliver the three Measures identified in this Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) application in time for the 2028 Games. As the Lead Applicant of the Coalition, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) is a well-established public agency with a successful track record in delivering federally funded projects. All other members of this Coalition are also eligible applicants including the County of Los Angeles, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City of Anaheim. This Coalition is a partnership of regional authorities and local municipalities to jointly implement each of the three Measures (T2 Decarbonize Passenger Transport, T5 Expand the Active Transportation Network, and T6 Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership). We share a strong and long-established commitment with each other, as each of the Measures would not yield the expected Green House Gass (GHG) reduction outputs and outcomes without each member's participation in this CPRG application.

Be assured, the Coalition is resolute in its commitment to deliver the proposed Measures. LA Metro and OCTA are two of the five-member agencies that oversee the joint powers authority that makes up Metrolink. In addition, elected officials from the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County govern both LA Metro and Metrolink. These partners, identified as key supporters in Los Angeles' bid book for the 2028 Games, are dedicated to showcasing our country's sustainable mobility efforts when the world descends to Los Angeles in 2028. The CPRG funding will empower our partners to create a green and sustainable 2028 Games. The Coalition shares an unwavering commitment to implementing the proposed Measures.

Lastly, as the Lead Applicant for the Coalition for this grant application, LA Metro will submit a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition members before receiving the award. LA Metro plans to submit the MOA signed by all coalition members by July 1, 2024, to CPRG@epa.gov. The following includes a signed Letter of Intent from each Coalition member stating the member's intent to sign the MOA prior to receiving a CPRG award (by July 1, 2024). These letters demonstrate our commitment to the Coalition and delivering on the outcomes of the three Measures.

Attached Letters of Intent

- > Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), Lead Applicant
- > County of Los Angeles Public Works (LACPW)
- > Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink)
- > Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- > City of Anaheim



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March 28, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Letter of Intent as a Member of the Metro Transit Coalition's Application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), this letter is to express our intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as the Lead Applicant and member of the ***Metro Transit Coalition*** (Coalition) on its application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants General Competition for our application entitled "*Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond*." LA Metro is committed to having a completed MOA with other members of the Coalition including the County of Los Angeles, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City of Anaheim by July 1, 2024.

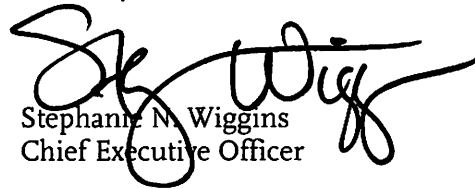
We have a historic opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to transportation sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction through Regional Transportation Measures identified for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles and the Greater LA Basin. The 2028 Games will show the U.S. and the world our progress towards a 100% zero-emission fleet by providing environmentally-friendly transportation systems and legacy infrastructure. We will showcase what is possible in choosing public transit, walking and rolling, to significantly reduce GHG emissions in the near and long term.

Metro is honored to be a part of the Metro Coalition. The Coalition aims to expand mobility, increase access to opportunities, advance environmental stewardship, and prioritize equity. Together, we are committed to bettering the overall health of our communities and understand reductions in fine particulate matter directly equate to greater health benefits, including lowering new-onset asthma in children and substantially reducing heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes. In LA County, nine percent of children under 14 have asthma, an outcome that is over three times higher for Black American children compared to their White counterparts. The projects in this application are ready to be implemented before 2028 and directly address the leading cause of poor air quality contributing to these negative public health outcomes.

Addressing our region's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Transportation Measures, we believe our CPRG Program Application will thoughtfully and strategically combat climate change and reduce our region's carbon footprint by expanding investments in transit and active transportation. We are committed to supporting the three transportation measures in the PCAP: T2: Decarbonize Passenger Transport; T5: Expand the Active Transportation Network; and T6: Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership.

Metro appreciates EPA's support in advancing our environmental priorities and is thankful for considering the *Metro Transit Coalition's* CPRG Program Application.

Sincerely,



Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

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March 20, 2024

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **TPP-5**

Mr. Ernesto Chaves
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Dear Mr. Chaves:

**LETTER OF INTENT
METRO TRANSIT COALITION'S APPLICATION
CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS GENERAL COMPETITION**

On behalf of Public Works, this letter is to express our intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement as a member of the Metro Transit Coalition on its application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, Implementation Grants General Competition, for our application entitled Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond.

We have a historic opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to transportation sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction through Regional Transportation Measures identified for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in the City of Los Angeles and the Greater Los Angeles Basin. The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games will show the United States and the world our progress toward a 100 percent zero-emission fleet by providing environmentally friendly transportation systems and legacy infrastructure. We will showcase what is possible in choosing public transit or walking and rolling to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the near and long-term future.

Public Works is honored to be a part of the coalition. The coalition has a common goal of expanding mobility, increasing access to opportunities, advancing environmental stewardship, and prioritizing equity. Addressing our regions' Priority Climate Action Plan Transportation Measures, we believe that our program application will

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thoughtfully and strategically combat climate change and reduce our region's carbon footprint by expanding investments in transit and active transportation. We are committed in our support of the T2: Decarbonize Passenger Transport, T5: Expand the Active Transportation Network, and T6: Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership, transportation measures in the Priority Climate Action Plan.

Public Works appreciates Environmental Protection Agency's support in advancing our environmental priorities and is thankful for its consideration of the coalition's program application.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mary E. Reyes, Transportation Planning and Programs Division, at (626) 458-3900 or mareyes@pw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works



STEVE R. BURGER
Deputy Director

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Ernesto Chaves, Senior Executive Officer
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March 14, 2024

Re: Letter of Intent as a Member of the Metro Transit Coalition's Application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

Dear Mr. Chaves:

On behalf of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, this letter is to express our intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as a member of the **Metro Transit Coalition** (Coalition) on its application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants General Competition for our application entitled "Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond." Southern California Regional Rail Authority is committed to signing the MOA by July 1, 2024.

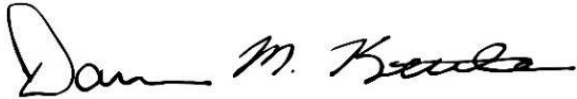
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Southern California Regional Rail Authority is honored to be a part of the Metro Coalition. The Coalition has a common goal of expanding mobility, increasing access to opportunities, advancing environmental stewardship, and prioritizing equity. Addressing our regions' Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Transportation Measures, we believe that our CPRG Program Application will thoughtfully and strategically combat climate change and reduce our region's carbon footprint by expanding investments in transit and active transportation. We are committed in our support of the three transportation measures in the PCAP: T2: Decarbonize Passenger Transport; T5: Expand the Active Transportation Network; and T6: Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership.

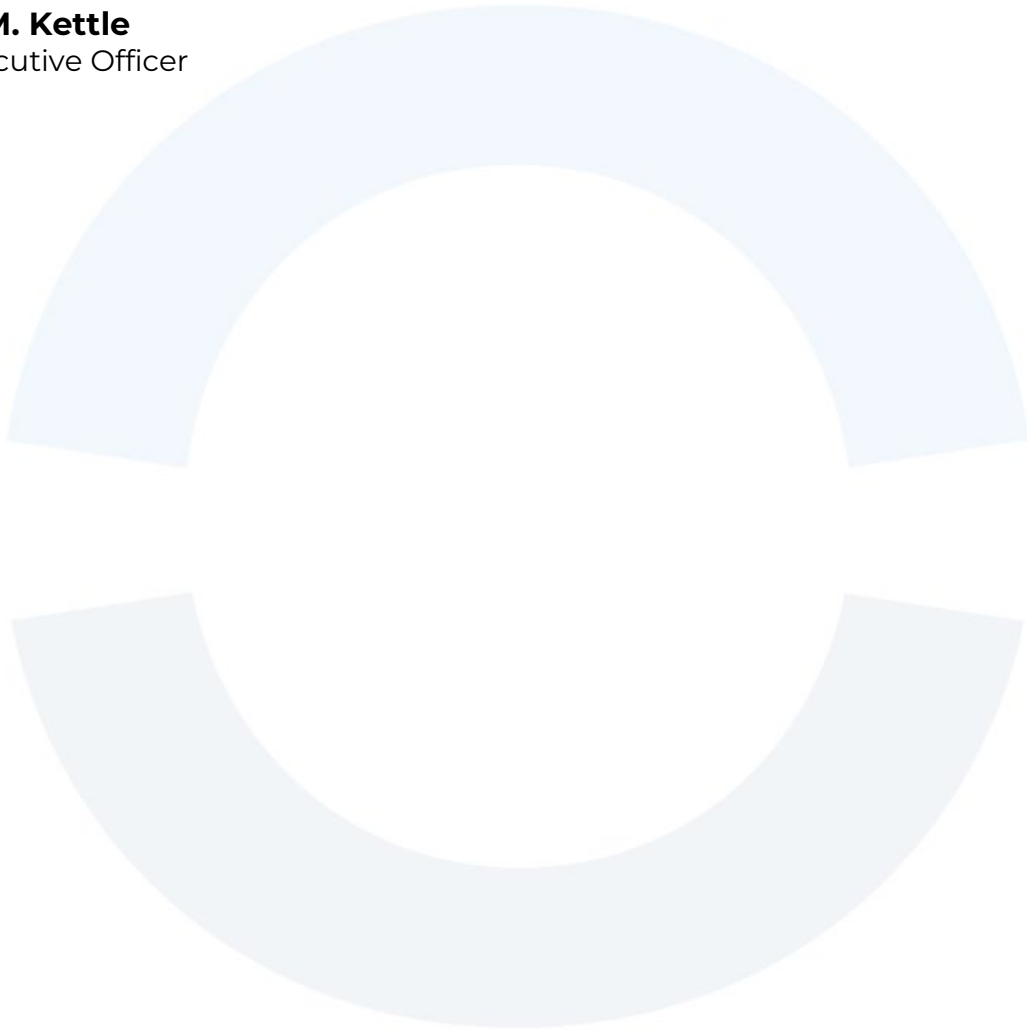


Southern California Regional Rail Authority appreciates EPA's support in advancing our environmental priorities and is thankful for its consideration of the **Metro Transit Coalition's** CPRG Program Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren M. Kettle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darren" being more prominent.

Darren M. Kettle
Chief Executive Officer





AFFILIATED AGENCIES

*Orange County
Transit District*

*Local Transportation
Authority*

*Service Authority for
Freeway Emergencies*

*Consolidated
Transportation
Service Agency*

*Congestion Management
Agency*

April 1, 2024

Metro Transit Coalition

Mr. Ernesto Chaves, Senior Executive Officer, Office of Strategic Innovation
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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**Subject: Letter of Intent as a Member of the Metro Transit Coalition's
Application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program**

Dear Mr. Chaves:

On behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), this letter is to express our intent to sign a memorandum of agreement (MOA) as a member of the Metro Transit Coalition (Coalition) on its application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. The joint application is titled "Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond." OCTA is committed to implementing clean air initiatives and providing a balanced, equitable, and sustainable, transportation network. Therefore, OCTA affirms our commitment to signing the MOA by July 1, 2024, as part of our dedication to advancing environmental stewardship and sustainable transportation solutions.

We have a historic opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to transportation sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction through regional transportation measures identified for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Los Angeles and the greater Los Angeles basin. OCTA's Harbor Boulevard Connected Bus project implements a cloud-based Transit Signal Priority system, integrating existing and new intelligent transportation system devices along our busiest transit corridor. This enhances on-time arrivals, improves safety, reduces travel time, and benefits historically disadvantaged communities. With an innovative approach requiring fewer resources and leveraging recent local agency investments, the project fosters cross-jurisdictional improvements throughout Orange County's central core.

The 2028 Games will show the United States and the world our progress towards a 100 percent zero-emission fleet, by providing environmentally friendly transportation systems. We will showcase what is possible in choosing public transit, walking, and biking to significantly reduce GHG emissions both in the near and long-term.

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OCTA is honored to be a part of the Coalition and appreciates this important program that supports our environmental priorities. If you have any questions, please contact Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director, Planning, at 714-560-5741 or by email at kmortazavi@octa.net.

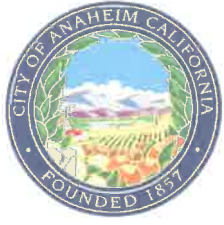
Sincerely,



Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director
Planning

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City of Anaheim DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 13, 2024

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Ernesto Chaves, Senior Executive Officer, Office of Strategic Innovation

**Re: Letter of Intent as a Member of the Metro Transit Coalition's Application for the
Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program**

Dear Mr. Chaves:

On behalf of the City of Anaheim, this letter is to express our intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as a member of the **Metro Transit Coalition** (Coalition) on its application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants General Competition for our application entitled "*Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond*," the City of Anaheim is committed to signing the MOA by July 1, 2024.

We have a historic opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to transportation sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction through Regional Transportation Measures identified for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Los Angeles and the Greater LA Basin (including in the City of Anaheim). The 2028 Games will show the U.S. and the world our progress towards a 100% zero-emission fleet, by providing environmentally-friendly transportation systems and legacy infrastructure. We will showcase what is possible in choosing public transit, walking and rolling, to significantly reduce GHG emissions both in the near and long-term.

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The City of Anaheim appreciates EPA's support in advancing our environmental priorities and is thankful for its consideration of the **Metro Transit Coalition's** CPRG Program Application.

Sincerely,

Rudy Emami
Public Works Director