



Metroplan

Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director

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Casey,

This letter is intended to express Rock Region METRO's strong, long-term commitment to supporting the carbon reduction and environmental justice goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

As the state's largest public transit agency, METRO is intrinsically involved in climate change mitigation and dedicated to providing sustainable, accessible transportation to Central Arkansas residents and visitors. In alignment with Justice40 and other sustainability initiatives, this grant will aid METRO by focusing on pedestrian infrastructure improvements that are necessary for all transit riders and offering green building incentives to complement our zero-emission plan.

In partnership with this grant coalition, METRO will work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and provide transportation cost savings by seeking related funding opportunities to continue operating and growing its battery electric bus fleet, training employees on zero-emission fleet management and improving existing facilities by exploring energy efficient solutions.

I appreciate your dedication to implementing greenhouse gas reduction projects across Arkansas' three largest metro areas. We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to over one half of Arkansas' population, including some of the state's most vulnerable residents. I appreciate your consideration of this project, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at javery@rrmetro.org.

Sincerely,

Justin Avery, Rock Region METRO Chief Executive Officer