



April 1, 2024

Ms. Alix Bockelman  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**RE: Intent to Participate – EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program**

Dear Ms. Bockelman,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of Ava Community Energy (Ava) to enter into a coalition and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and upon the award of funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in MTC's CPRG application.

Ava provides renewable energy at competitive rates to residential, commercial, and municipal accounts, while reinvesting earnings back into our community. We currently serve the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Tracy, and Union City, as well as unincorporated areas of Alameda County. In 2025, we will extend service to the cities of Stockton and Lathrop. Ava offers programs that help our customers transition to clean energy, including creating greater access to greener mobility options.

The project, "Mobility Nexus: Integrating Mobility, Housing and Equity for Climate Action," will reduce the barriers to using active and shared transportation (including bikeshare, carshare and transit) by providing Bay Area residents in select CEJST Census tracts and EPA's EJScreen Census block groups that overlap with MTC's Transit-Oriented Community (TOC) Policy areas, reliable and efficient options to reduce dependence on personal cars.

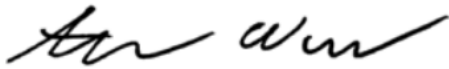
To achieve this outcome, the project will focus on advancing GHG reduction strategies identified in the Bay Area's sustainable communities strategy and long range transportation plan, Plan Bay Area 2050. The project's key focus is to transform select high frequency transit stations into mobility hubs or community anchors that enable travelers of all backgrounds and abilities to access multiple transportation options - including shared scooters, bicycles and cars, and transit – as well as supportive amenities in a cohesive space, oriented to the customer. The mobility hubs will enable the integration of active and shared transportation with land use, catalyzing development, particularly housing. In addition to the infrastructure and access improvements to, from and within the mobility hub, the project will provide incentives to low-income residents in the selected areas to reduce the cost of accessing the mobility options.

Ava staff are committed to implementing the improvements to the identified station areas to transform them into customer-focused mobility hubs that will enable housing development near our stations. Ava accepts responsibility for effectively carrying out the scope of work and the proper financial management of the grant for the identified station areas. We have a strong history of implementing robust community programs that support innovative financing options, and the opportunity from the EPA is deeply aligned with our vision of providing local and equitable community benefits. The Project is an innovative solution to providing last mile solutions to increase transit ridership and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from customers forgoing solo driving trips, implementing the ideas the communities identified.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and an MOA, detailing the roles, responsibilities, and commitments of the proposed coalition, will be executed by July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Alec Ward at [award@avaenergy.org](mailto:award@avaenergy.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alec Ward', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alec Ward  
Principal Legislative Manager