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

Dear Ms. Bockelman,

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of the of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) 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.

The project, "Mobility Nexus: Integrating Mobility, Housing and Equity for Climate Action," will reduce the barriers to using active and shared transportation (including bikeshare) 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 greenhouse gas (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.

BART is a heavy-rail public transit system that connects the San Francisco Peninsula with communities in the East Bay and South Bay. BART service currently extends as far as Millbrae, Richmond, Antioch, Dublin/Pleasanton, and Berryessa/North San José. BART operates in five counties (San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara) with 131 miles of track and 50 stations.

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From the opening of service in 1972 to the present day, BART has enhanced the quality of life in the Bay Area by providing rapid and reliable transportation. Today, the BART

system is essential to the health of our region's economy—connecting workers and businesses and relieving regional traffic congestion. At the same time, BART is the backbone of the region's public transit system, accommodating people of all income levels as well as youth, seniors, and people with disabilities. By reducing the need to drive, BART reduces emissions and air pollution, supporting a healthier environment.

We have a strong history of project implementation and the opportunity from the EPA is deeply aligned with our vision of VMT and GHG reduction. The Project is an innovative solution to providing last mile solutions to increase transit ridership and reduce GHG 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 Richard Fuentes at rfuente@bart.gov or call at 510-464-6883.



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