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Ms. Alix Bockelman  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
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**RE: Letter of Commitment – EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program**

Dear Ms. Bockelman,

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.

Lyft works with city partners to operate eight shared micromobility systems across the United States, including a partnership with the MTC to operate the San Francisco Bay Area’s Bay Wheels bikeshare program, which Lyft took over in 2018. Lyft also supplies bikeshare solutions to over 45 markets across 15 countries around the world through its subsidiary PBSC Urban Solutions. According to the [2023 Lyft Multimodal Report](#), Bay Wheels ridership has grown by 28% to over 2.6M trips from 2021 to 2022, with 65% of trips made on ebikes. Importantly, 80% of rides on Bikeshare for All, our income-eligible discount program, are by ebikes, and 44% of the rides in the Bay Wheels system started or ended in a Transportation Disadvantaged Community. Ebikes are a critical part of the Bay Wheels program and support mode-shift away from personal vehicles while serving residents without access to a vehicle. Lyft’s newest ebike has a battery range of 60+ miles on a single charge and our next generation docking station, Pillar, was designed with [sustainability in mind](#). The independent configuration has solar panels on both sides, with extremely low power consumption. When the stations are connected to the electric grid, the Pillar dock will charge ebikes and scooters that are parked, reducing emissions required from battery swapping operations and encouraging mode shift. Lyft is eager to work with the

MTC to electrify bikeshare stations, promote transportation equity, and deliver one of the cleanest forms of mobility in the San Francisco Bay Area.

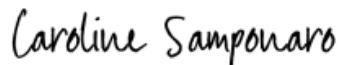
Lyft is committed to providing electric bicycles and bikeshare stations, including charging stations, to reduce GHG emissions and improve access around seven BART stations in four cities. Exact quantities of assets will be informed based on funding secured. Bikeshare can reduce emissions and extend the reach of public transportation by providing important first- and last-mile connections to BART. Lyft is excited for the opportunity to expand the Bay Wheels system around these critical transit hubs and improve access for low-income and disadvantaged communities. E-bikes will provide residents in communities impacted by environmental justice with an affordable and convenient transportation alternative, and the introduction of electrified bikeshare stations will further reduce GHG emissions and VMT associated with bikeshare operations by allowing the e-bikes to charge while not in use.

In addition to the installation of new bikeshare stations and the deployment of our next-generation e-bikes, Lyft is committed to conducting outreach and community engagement within the identified neighborhoods. We will partner with local Community Based Organizations to offer classes designed to educate residents about how to use bikeshare and safely operate a bicycle on city streets. In addition, annual memberships will be distributed to residents in the station areas each year during the performance period to help lower the financial barrier to access.

Lyft is committed to effectively carry out the scope of work and to ensure the proper financial management of the grant for the identified station areas. Lyft has a strong history of successful bikeshare system management in cities across the world and the opportunity from the EPA is deeply aligned with our vision to deliver an electrified multi-modal hub network that complements public transit and provides access to shared electric bicycles, enabling broader use of lower emissions transportation options with a particular focus on Equity Priority Communities. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [csamponaro@lyft.com](mailto:csamponaro@lyft.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Samponaro". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

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