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The Honorable Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Application – Implement the VTA
Visionary Transit Network

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

The City of Cupertino is committed to working with the City of Santa Clara and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to help implement the Visionary Transit Network in Santa Clara County.

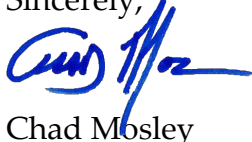
VTA's CPRG application requests funding to sustain and expand the Silicon Valley (SV) Hopper microtransit program, a multijurisdictional partnership between the cities of Cupertino and Santa Clara. This measure supports VTA's county-wide Visionary Transit Network by reducing the impact of first-last mile barriers to existing fixed-route services and by promoting mode shifts away from single-occupancy vehicle trips. Our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction calculations estimate this measure to eliminate 2,653 carbon dioxide equivalent metric tons (CO₂-e MT) over the two years of requested funding. In addition, this measure will address historic transportation inequities and mobility gaps in Cupertino and Santa Clara by expanding access to safe and affordable travel options, enhancing multimodal connectivity, and improving quality-of-life outcomes.

Our commitment to VTA for the CPRG application includes the following responsibilities:

- Maintaining operation of the existing SV Hopper microtransit program for years three and four;
- In year four, expanding the SV Hopper microtransit program from a service coverage of 21 square miles (sq. mi.) to 27 sq. mi.; and
- Supporting VTA with grant administration and reporting requirements.

This measure has been informed by local community engagement efforts, which have revealed a strong desire for sustainable and affordable mobility options in Cupertino and Santa Clara. In addition, this measure aligns with key goals described in Cupertino's General Plan, including promoting local and regional transit (M-4), promoting policies to achieve air quality and GHG reduction targets (M-8), and promoting effective and efficient use of the city's transportation network (M-9). For these reasons, the City of Cupertino is fully committed to VTA's CRPG grant application, which, if awarded, will implement measures that reduce GHG emissions and environmental impacts and foster a more resilient and equitable transportation network.

Sincerely,



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