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The Honorable Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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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 Gilroy is committed to working with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to help implement the Visionary Transit Network in Santa Clara County.

VTA's CPRG application requests funding to establish a zero emission (ZE) microtransit service in the City of Gilroy. This measure supports VTA's 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 (SOV) trips. Our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction calculations estimate this measure to eliminate 2,149 carbon dioxide equivalent metric tons (CO₂-e MT) over the five years of requested funding. In addition, this measure will address historic transportation inequities and mobility gaps in Gilroy by expanding access to safe and affordable travel options, enhancing multimodal connectivity, and improving the quality of life for many travelers.

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

- Procuring six new ZE microtransit vehicles;
- Implementing and operating the new microtransit service in Gilroy; and
- Supporting VTA with grant administration and reporting requirements.

This measure has been informed by local community engagement and planning efforts, which have revealed a strong desire for sustainable and affordable mobility options in Gilroy. In addition, this measure aligns with the goals described in our city's General Plan, including providing a safe and efficient transportation system that serves all users (M1) and planning for efficient and convenient local and regional transit systems that respond to changing community needs (M4). For these reasons, the City of Gilroy 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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