



March 19, 2024

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 Santa Clara is committed to working with the City of Cupertino 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 (SOV) 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:

- Continue to partner with the City of Cupertino on the operation of the existing SV Hopper microtransit program for year three and four;
- In year four, expand the SV Hopper microtransit program from a service coverage of 18.5 square miles (sq. mi.) during the initial three years to 27 sq. mi. in year four to serve the entirety of the City of Santa Clara and the City of Cupertino population; and
- Support the City of Cupertino and VTA with grant administration and reporting requirements.

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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 policies described in the city's General Plan, including support connecting people to transit (5.8.1-P3), support for alternative transportation modes to achieve air quality and GHG reduction targets (5.10.2-P1), and create accessible transportation network systems to meet the needs of all segments of the population (5.8.1-P1). For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara 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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