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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 Milpitas 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 improve the City of Milpitas' SMART microtransit service by converting the existing microtransit fleet to electric vehicles (EVs), increasing the number of microtransit vehicles in service, and expanding the microtransit service hours. 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 3,826 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 Milpitas 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:

- Procuring new SMART EVs;
- Coordinating with our primary consultant to implement the microtransit service expansion; 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 Milpitas. In addition, this measure aligns with goals described in the city's Mobility Element, including providing a transportation system that is equitable and minimizes vehicle miles traveled (CIR-1), implementing measures that increase transit use (CIR-5), and supporting initiatives that reduce GHG emissions (CIR-6). For



these reasons, the City of Milpitas 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Lee', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jay Lee, Planning Director