

March 18, 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 San José 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 a 14-square-mile area of East San Jose. This measure supports VTA's county-wide Visionary Transit Network by reducing first-last mile barriers to existing fixed-route services and reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips.

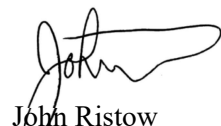
Our greenhouse gas emissions reduction calculations estimate this measure will eliminate 6,001 carbon dioxide equivalent metric tons over the five years of requested funding. In addition, this measure will address historic transportation and environmental inequities in East San Jose by expanding access to safe, clean, and affordable travel options; enhancing multimodal connectivity; and improving quality-of-life outcomes. More than 80% of the project area is federally designated as historically disadvantaged communities (HDCs).

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

- Designing, implementing, and operating the microtransit service with and for the East San Jose community;
- Procuring 12 new ZE microtransit vehicles and installing 12 public Level 2 EV charging stations; 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 East San Jose, particularly microtransit. In addition, this measure aligns with goals described in our City's General Plan, including completing and maintaining a multimodal transportation system (TR-1), maximizing the use of public transit (TR-3), and reducing vehicle miles traveled (TR-7 & TR-9). For these reasons, the City of San José is fully committed to VTA's CPRG 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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Director, Department of Transportation