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March 22, 2024

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

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write in support of Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. If awarded funding, VTA would implement four greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures. Additionally, the proposed project utilizes proven strategies to reduce GHG emissions and address inequities involving environmental justice and disadvantaged communities. By expanding access to safe and affordable travel options and enhancing multimodal connectivity to key destinations, this project would improve quality-of-life and well-being for my constituents in California's 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

The four GHG reduction measures in VTA's CPRG application include:

1. **Implementing the VTA Visionary Transit Network:** This measure will implement affordable and accessible micro-transit services that address first-last mile barriers and offer mobility options in transit deserts. The measure would also implement an express shuttle service between key destinations and multimodal hubs in San Benito and Santa Clara Counties.
2. **Creating a Regional Bike Lane Fund to Build a Regional Bike-Ped Highway:** This measure would implement a Complete Streets project on Bascom Avenue in San Jose and Campbell and a Safe-Routes-to-School project on Homestead Road in Los Altos, Cupertino, and Sunnyvale. Both projects will create safer travel conditions and promote a shift towards sustainable travel modes.
3. **Implementing Transit Signal Priority Programs to Reduce Wait Times and Idling for Public Transit:** This measure would implement technologies to prioritize buses moving through intersections in Santa Clara County, making transit a faster, more reliable, and equitable mobility option.

4. **Enacting a Zero Emission Transit and Charger Program:** This measure would advance VTA's goal to operate a 100 percent zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040, decreasing the agency's GHG emissions as well as air and noise pollution in disadvantaged communities.

These four measures would meet the goals and objectives of EPA's CPRG program. VTA's project would implement innovative measures that significantly reduce GHG emissions and air pollution, address transportation inequities, foster a more resilient transportation network, and promote long-term economic development opportunities in Santa Clara County.

Please give this application full and fair consideration and contact my office if you have any questions about my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jimmy Panetta  
U.S. Representative  
19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, California