

March 14, 2024

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

Re: 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 Sunnyvale 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 implement a citywide, on-demand, zero-emission (ZE) microtransit service in Sunnyvale. 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 will eliminate 7,554 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 Sunnyvale 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:

- Utilizing new ZE microtransit vehicles;
- Implementing and operating the new microtransit service; 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 Sunnyvale. In addition, this measure aligns with key goals described in the city's General Plan, including environmentally sustainable transportation planning (Goal LT-2) and an effective multimodal transportation system (Goal LT-3). For these reasons, the City of Sunnyvale 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,

Chip Taylor
Director, Department of Public Works