



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Commissioner

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Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
1111 East Main St.
Suite 1400
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Letter of Commitment for the State Transportation Electrification application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) - EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Michael Dowd:

I am writing on behalf of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) to express strong support for Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) application for EPA CPRG Implementation grant funds to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector, a major source of GHGs in Virginia. As a partnering organization, we commit to implementation of VDOT's Fleet Electrification project in alignment with the technical description detailed in this grant application.


VDOT and VTRC have been awarded a number of federal grants in recent years, including projects focused on reducing emissions across the transportation sector, and have a history of successful completion of grant-funded projects. The proposed CPRG Fleet Electrification project would build upon an existing pilot project begun by VTRC in 2022, and would benefit from expertise across the agency in decarbonization, air quality, intelligent transportation systems, and fleet management. This project would also support broader ongoing VDOT efforts to reduce emissions across the agency's operations and the transportation sector.

VDOT understands that we will be both a partner and subrecipient to DEQ if funding for the proposed activities in this application is awarded. Under EPA's CPRG Program, subawards must be consistent with the definition of that term in 2 CFR 200.1 and comply with EPA's Subaward Policy. As a subrecipient, VDOT will be accountable to DEQ for proper use of EPA funding, and we commit to fulfilling the subaward reporting requirements to DEQ.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to successfully leverage funding through EPA's CPRG implementation grant program to advance critical environmental, climate, and public health solutions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. We

are also committed to considering disadvantaged and underserved communities within the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the implementation of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Fitch", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Fitch, Ph.D.

Director

Virginia Transportation Research Council