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The Honorable Mary D. Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
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Subject: Support for Los Angeles/Gateway Freight Technology Program: California Sustainable Freight Action Plan – Pilot Project Ideas

Dear Chair Nichols:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the *Los Angeles/Gateway Freight Technology Program* (Program) being submitted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in collaboration with other Southern California agencies, including the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. I represent many of the Gateway Cities in the Senate.

The Program submittal is in response to Governor Brown's Executive Order B-32-15 to improve freight efficiency, transition to zero-emission technologies, and increase the competitiveness of California's freight system. The Los Angeles region is an ideal location for future freight pilot projects. It is home to the largest port complex in the United States, the heavily freight-traveled Interstate 710 corridor, and high concentrations of distribution warehouses adjacent to residential areas.

Metro, in cooperation with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Caltrans, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Southern California Association of Governments have developed the Program to utilize technology on freight trucks and infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve mobility on streets and freeways, and to maintain the economic vitality in the region.

The proposed Program directly benefits "Disadvantaged Communities", as identified by the CalEnviroScreen, and contains a unique workforce development element directly linking the development of new transportation technology to job training opportunities. Additionally, the Program includes Pilot Projects such as:

- Freight Advanced Traveler Information System (FRATIS) Deployment (approximately 15,000 trucks);
- Zero/Near-Zero Emission Trucks deployment (approximately 40 trucks);

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- Arterial Smart Corridors: Deploying Connected Vehicle and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) strategies on freight corridors (approximately 273 intersections, 8 corridors);
- Freeway Smart Corridors: Deploying Connected Vehicle, ITS, and Integrated Corridor Management strategies on the I-710 and I-110 freeways;
- Connected Vehicle Technology: Equipping FRATIS trucks and Zero/Near-Zero Emission trucks to communicate with the Arterial and Freeway Smart Corridors; and
- On-Dock Rail Technology: on-dock railyards with electrified cranes

The Program is an opportunity that Metro is well-positioned to lead in the Los Angeles region. Metro, along with local agencies, has studied and implemented connected vehicle, ITS, and Zero/Near-Zero Emission truck technologies to improve the movement of people and goods, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These Pilot Projects in the Program would provide a near-term solution to the I-710 corridor, and would complement the long-term vision for clean freight transportation in the Los Angeles region.

I believe this unique and innovative multi-agency Program is consistent with and strongly supports the Administration's and the Legislature's commitment to reducing emissions (including GHG); improving the efficient movement of freight, and creating new workforce development opportunities.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of the Los Angeles/Gateway Freight Technology Program.

Sincerely,



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