



Via Transportation, Inc.

160 Varick Street, 4th Fl.

New York, NY 10013

www.ridewithvia.com

November X, 2021

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

RE: FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Staff,

Via appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We commend the State and ARB for their significant investment in the advancement of clean transportation and mobility and look forward to working with ARB to help implement and carry out the state's goals.

Via works with transit agencies and cities across California to provide on-demand transit systems to offer efficient and accessible public transportation options to supplement existing transit services. California cities and transit agencies have partnered with Via to launch services in urban, suburban, and rural areas that help reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; promote economic mobility by connecting customers to businesses and workers to employment; build support for existing public transit by increasing ridership; and advance equity and accessibility by providing better access to jobs and critical appointments. In March 2021, Via acquired Remix, a California-based company that provides a collaborative mapping platform for transportation planning and decision-making, enabling cities and agencies to build transportation networks and design streets that elevate the quality of life for their residents. Via has a global reach which spans across more than 500 partnerships, 65 of which are in California, spanning 40 countries, and has provided over 100 million rides.

Via supports the proposed allocations for clean transportation equity investments included within the discussion document. Specifically, Via strongly supports the funding for transportation equity projects, including \$150 million for FY 21-22, with \$25 million dedicated to the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), and \$10 million in FY 21-22 funding for Clean Mobility Options (CMO), in addition to previous year funding and resources from the Energy Commission, for a total of \$20 million. Both programs provide unique benefits and access to ZEVs for disadvantaged communities and are necessary to achieve equitable statewide adoption of ZEVs.

Within the allocation for STEP, Via strongly supports staff's proposal to fully fund the 2 ½ Implementation Grant proposals that were extremely competitive, but that were not funded in the FY 2019-20 solicitation. These projects are ready to be implemented now and can quickly achieve emission reductions and access to zero-emission vehicles. This approach will maximize the benefits of the effort and resources to draft and submit the proposals, as well as accelerate the deployment of these important projects.

Additionally, Via supports the allocation for the CMO program, and appreciates ARB's and CEC's effort to identify additional resources for the program. There was significant demand for the program during its initial opening, and there continues to be demand for innovative mobility projects throughout the state.



Via Transportation, Inc.

160 Varick Street, 4th Fl.

New York, NY 10013

www.ridewithvia.com

Projects funded by CMO provide socioeconomic benefits, such as improving lower income residents' access to goods and services and workforce training and development opportunities, in addition to promoting improved air quality in communities.

Via greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the proposed FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan and looks forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of clean and equitable mobility options throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Megan Richer
Director of Public Policy
Via Transportation, Inc.