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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

RE: FY 23-24 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members and Staff,

Via appreciates the opportunity to provide input on and support for the FY 23-24 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We commend the State and ARB for their 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 65 transit agencies and cities across California to plan transit networks and provide on-demand microtransit 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, VMT, and 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. Via has a global reach which spans across more than 600 partnerships, spanning more than 35 countries, and has provided over 100 million rides.

Via supports the proposed allocations for clean transportation equity investments included within the LCT Funding Plan. Specifically, Via strongly supports the funding for transportation equity projects, including \$50 million for Clean Mobility Option pilots (CMO), Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), and Clean Mobility in Schools (CMIS). These programs provide unique benefits and access to ZEVs for disadvantaged communities and are necessary to achieve equitable statewide adoption of ZEVs. They 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. They provide critical funding to expand the access to clean mobility, and Via supports continued and increased funding for these categories, as they are oversubscribed and in high demand.

Via also recognizes the need for funding for planning and capacity building grants in order for communities to develop successful projects. However, there is a real shortage of funding for implementation and operations to make such mobility projects possible (that already have plans in place). As such, Via encourages ARB to consider adjusting allocations between the two to further support the implementation of projects (above the proposed \$40M), especially if demand for planning and capacity is lower than expected.



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Via appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the proposed FY 23-24 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan and looks forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the modernization of transit systems throughout the state to help deliver a cleaner, healthier, and safer transportation system.

Sincerely,

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