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Re: Support for the Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities Proposal for the Cap and Trade Investment Plan

BART
Director Thomas Blalock

Dear Chairperson Nichols:

City of Alameda
Vice Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

The Alameda County Transportation Commission submits its support of the Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities proposal for how Cap and Trade auction proceeds can support the greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions goals of AB 32.

City of Albany
Mayor Peggy Thomsen

The Coalition's proposal supports on-going efforts of regions and local communities to reduce GHG emissions as part AB 32 efforts and SB375 implementation through Sustainable Communities Strategies. Cities, counties and regional agencies have been working closely together across the state to develop plans that support the reduction of GHG. This proposal would allocate funds equitably to regions to implement integrated strategies to support livable communities. We support the greatest amount of flexibility for how region's may implement these funds to support the highest level of accountability and maximum reduction of GHG.

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As the largest contributor of GHG emission, the Coalition's proposal reflects the opportunities for transportation to reduce its impact on GHG emissions throughout the State. The Coalition's proposal supports a strategic combination of investments for transportation infrastructure projects, maintenance and operations of the transportation system to reduce GHG emissions. Supporting funding specifically for transportation investments to reduce the GHG emissions offers an investment strategy that will leverage local, regional, state and federal funds to achieve the highest levels of GHG reductions from the transportation sector.

The Coalition's proposal is consistent with AB 32, SB 375, and the provisions of AB 1532 and SB 535 and provides a revenue stream to implement sustainable transportation investments that local and regional governments across the state have been diligently working together to develop and implement.

City of San Leandro
Vice Mayor Michael Gregory

Again, we hope that you will strongly consider incorporation of the Coalition's proposal into the investment plan for cap and trade funds.

City of Union City
Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

Sincerely,

Executive Director
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