



November 16, 2023

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: FY 23-24 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members and Staff,


Pyka Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide our input on ARB's proposed FY 2023-24 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan and support continued investments to deploy emerging opportunities, including zero-emission aviation. We commend the State and ARB for their investment in the advancement of clean transportation technologies and look forward to working with ARB to help implement and carry out the State's goals.

Pyka is manufacturing zero-emission commercial aviation that are safer, cleaner, and more cost-effective. Headquartered in Oakland, CA, Pyka has developed and deployed fully electric and autonomous commercial aircraft, including for agricultural aerial spray and cargo shipping. Pyka's has deployed zero-emission agricultural aerial spray aircraft that is safer, reduces chemical usage by 10% due to automation and precision, and 40% more cost effective compared to conventional planes and helicopters. Pyka is also developing zero-emission cargo shipping aircraft to improve safety and reduce emissions within the goods movement sector.

Pyka urges to Board Consider additional investments in emerging opportunities and off-road demonstration projects. Additional funding is needed to continue to commercialize innovative technologies in aviation, construction, marine, and rail. These are critical segments of the off-road sector that are spearheading the transition to zero-emission. Along with the investments being made by the CEC to support infrastructure deployment, continued funding will be necessary to further reduce emissions from these sectors that are less commercialized than on-road light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles.

Pyka appreciates the opportunity to support and provide input on ARB's proposed Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan update for FY 2023-2024. We urge adoption of the plan and look forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission aviation throughout California and beyond.

Sincerely,

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