



November 8, 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 Members and Staff,

The California Mobility Center (CMC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We commend the state for its significant investment in the advancement of clean transportation and prioritization of zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) and ZEV infrastructure.

The CMC is a non-profit founded by Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), along with partners including UC Davis, Sacramento State, community colleges, and many others, with the goal of orchestrating commercially meaningful interactions between future mobility early-stage companies and industry leading members, including driving workforce development. The CMC helps future mobility early-stage companies at all phases of the innovation-to-commercialization lifecycle to rapidly progress from demonstration projects to sustained market viability, which will help grow jobs throughout California and beyond.

The CMC appreciates the historic investment in ZEV technology and commercialization and supports ARB's proposed funding for light-, medium-, heavy-duty and off-road vehicles included in the Low Carbon Transportation Discussion Document. Specifically, the CMC supports the proposed \$525 million for CVRP, \$150 million for equity projects, and \$570 million for the HVIP program,

The CMC also supports the proposed \$165 million allocation to the CORE program, which will help accelerate deployment of advanced technology in the off-road sector by providing a streamlined way for fleets to access funding that helps offset the incremental cost of such technology.

Finally, the CMC also supports the proposed \$1.5 million investment to prioritize and expand workforce training and development to maximize the economic opportunities and the benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities. In working with many early-stage mobility companies, we commonly hear of the need for qualified employees and workforce training opportunities. The CMC supports continued and increased investment in workforce training for future funding plans.





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The CMC greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide input and ARB's FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We urge approval, and look forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment and commercialization of zero-emission technologies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Rawson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Rawson
COO of the California Mobility Center

