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**Re: Transportation Coalition Proposal for CARB Cap and Trade Investment Plan**

The Bay Area Council supports the proposal submitted by the Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities to provide funding for sustainable community strategies.

This proposal is consistent with AB 32, SB 375, and the provisions of AB 1532 and SB 535. We request that this proposal be considered for inclusion in the Investment Plan.

This proposal provides flexibility to local governments to meet their most critical sustainable transportation infrastructure and maintenance needs consistent with their regional Sustainable Community Strategy and greenhouse gas reduction goals. At the same time, it ensures cost effective achievement of the state's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. California faces a significant shortage in funds to maintain our existing transportation system and provide the livable community investments needed to provide the development in existing urban and developed areas needed to meet the requirements of SB 375.

We support the Transportation Coalition’s proposal for combinations of transportation investments, including transit service and operating costs, road and bridge maintenance, retrofits for complete streets, and clean technology infrastructure – all integrated with land use changes to achieve the maximum greenhouse gas emission reductions from the transportation sector.

We believe the Transportation Coalition's proposal provides public and local community benefits while achieving the cost effective implementation of AB 32.

Thank you for your consideration to include funding for this proposal in the AB 32 Investment Plan.

Sincerely,

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