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SUPERVISOR JOHN J. BENOIT
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June 22, 2016

Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chair Nichols:

As a member of the board of directors for SunLine Transit Agency, I am writing to express support for the proposed allocation of \$42 million toward the remaining highest-scoring applications for commercially available zero- and near zero-emission bus projects in the California Air Resources Board's recommended funding plan for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Funding from the Zero Emission Bus and Truck Pilot Commercial Deployment Project is directed to support SunLine's Fuel Cell Buses & Hydrogen Onsite Generation Refueling Station Pilot Commercial Deployment Project. This project represents an opportunity to invest in both fueling and operating hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in order to advance the commercialization of zero emission transit buses.

The ARB preliminarily offered a partial grant award to SunLine in the amount of \$9,463,200 of the total award amount of \$12,586,791, leaving a balance of \$3,123,591 to be funded. These remaining funds are greatly needed to support the project.

SunLine has demonstrated its commitment and continues its partnership with ARB in the commercialization of zero emissions technologies. Your support of ARB staff's recommended allocation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. BENOIT
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
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June 22, 2016

Mary Nichols, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Air Resources Board 2016-17 Funding Plan

Dear Chairman Nichols:

As a member of the board of directors for SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine), representing the City of Palm Springs, I am writing to express support for the California Air Resources Board (ARB) recommended funding plan for FY 16/17. ARB staff proposes allocating \$42 million toward the highest-scoring remaining bus applications from the October 2015 solicitation for commercially available zero- and near zero-emission bus projects. Funding from the Zero Emission Bus and Truck Pilot Commercial Deployment Project is directed to support the SunLine Fuel Cell Buses & Hydrogen Onsite Generation Refueling Station Pilot Commercial Deployment Project. This project represents an opportunity to invest in both fueling and operating hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in order to advance the commercialization of zero emission transit buses.

SunLine strongly supports the recommendation to continue investing cap & trade proceeds into furthering the development of advanced vehicles technologies. Continuing this investment will enable the supply chains to mature as greater volumes of zero emission trucks, buses and related support equipment are produced. ARB preliminarily offered a partial grant award to SunLine in the amount of \$9,463,200 of the total award amount of \$12,586,791 leaving a balance of \$3,123,591 to be funded. These remaining funds are greatly needed to support the project.

SunLine has demonstrated its commitment and continues its partnership with ARB in the commercialization of zero emissions technologies. Your support of ARB Staff's recommended FY 16/17 allocation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ginny Foat, Councilmember