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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

RE: FY 22-23 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members and Staff,

Via appreciates the opportunity to provide input on and support for the FY 22-23 Low Carbon Transportation (LCT) Funding Plan. We commend the State and ARB for their investment in the advancement of clean transportation and mobility and look forward to working with ARB to help implement and carry out the state's goals.

Via works with 65 transit agencies and cities across California to plan transit networks and provide on-demand microtransit systems to offer efficient and accessible public transportation options to supplement existing transit services. California cities and transit agencies have partnered with Via to launch services in urban, suburban, and rural areas that help reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, VMT, and GHG emissions; promote economic mobility by connecting customers to businesses and workers to employment; build support for existing public transit by increasing ridership; and advance equity and accessibility by providing better access to jobs and critical appointments. Via has a global reach which spans across more than 600 partnerships, spanning 40 countries, and has provided over 100 million rides.

Via supports the proposed allocations for clean transportation equity investments included within the LCT Funding Plan. Specifically, Via strongly supports the funding for transportation equity projects, including \$20 million for Clean Mobility Options (CMO), \$15 million dedicated to the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), and \$15 million for Clean Mobility in Schools (CMIS). These programs provide unique benefits and access to ZEVs for disadvantaged communities and are necessary to achieve equitable statewide adoption of ZEVs. They provide socioeconomic benefits, such as improving lower income residents' access to goods and services and workforce training and development opportunities, in addition to promoting improved air quality in communities. These programs provide critical funding to expand the access to clean mobility, and Via supports continued and increased funding for these programs, as they are oversubscribed and in high demand.

Within CMO, we appreciate staff's availability to meet and address potential policy changes within the program. Specifically, we support increasing project funding limits and the funding of existing program recipients, which will help make projects more impactful and viable across the state.

Via appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the proposed FY 22-23 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan and looks forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders



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to accelerate the deployment of clean and equitable mobility options throughout the state.

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