

November 14, 2022

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,

The Lion Electric Co. appreciates the opportunity to provide our support for the FY 22-23 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. Lion greatly appreciates the significant proposed investments for zero-emission school buses and trucks and the overall prioritization of zero-emission vehicles. This funding will help achieve the state's transportation electrification and ZEV deployment and GHG emission reduction goals.

Lion is a leading Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of all-electric vehicles, including zero-emission school buses, zero-emission trucks, and zero-emission transit buses with headquarters in Quebec, Canada, and facilities in both Northern California (Sacramento) and Southern California (Alhambra). Today, Lion has more than 700 electric vehicles in operation, including zero-emission school buses that have driven more than 10 million miles across North America. Lion has also manufactured the Lion6 and Lion8, heavy-duty electric urban trucks, which are designed to serve California's freight and goods movement industries.

Lion strongly supports the proposed medium and heavy-duty investments included in the Low Carbon Transportation funding plan. Specifically, Lion supports the proposed \$1.7 billion for HVIP, including \$265 million for standard HVIP, \$130M for school buses in small and medium air districts, \$60M for drayage trucks, and over \$1.2 billion for the LEA School Bus Replacement Program. This funding will help fleets accelerate the introduction and deployment of zero-emission technologies to meet California's long-term air quality, carbon neutrality, petroleum reduction, and climate change goals. This includes the goal of having 100 percent of sales of new passenger vehicles and trucks in the state be zero-emission by 2035, and all drayage trucks be zero-emission by 2035.

Lion is grateful to provide input on and support for ARB's Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan for FY 2022-2023 and urge approval. We look forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure statewide.

Sincerely,

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