



Metro

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California Air Resources Board Members
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support of the Proposed Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the California Air Resources Board:

I write to you today to convey the support of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation. Metro has been at the forefront of reducing emissions and that tradition continued last year when the agency set a bold goal to fully convert the bus fleet of 2300 buses to zero emission by 2030. While there is still some uncertainty around ZEB technology, especially as relates to charging standards, battery durability, and lifecycle operating costs we are appreciative of CARB's efforts to address those issues in the rulemaking process. We further understand that there will be opportunities to address these issues as the rule is implemented.

Within the next year, Metro will receive the first of our major deployment of 105 Zero Emission Buses. This first set of buses will provide an opportunity to evaluate the use of these vehicles on a large scale. Metro is working now to provide the necessary infrastructure for these vehicles and we have begun working with our utility partners as well. We look forward to our continuing effort to work with CARB on the development of this technology.

I would like to reiterate Metro's appreciation for the efforts that CARB staff has made to work with us to better understand how our organization operates and procures buses, and we appreciate the modifications and adjustments that have been made throughout the rules making process to better align with the needs of Metro and other transit agencies in the state. The proposed ICT amendments put California at the forefront of zero emission public transportation policy, push the market forward, and do this while still managing to create an achievable pathway.

We greatly appreciate your continued commitment to working with the transit agencies in California and are pleased to support the proposed ICT amendments.

Sincerely,



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