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Dear CTC Commissioners and Secretary Kim,

The Bay Area Council is pleased to support the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure and applaud the myriad strategies that leverage funds to solve the twin crises of climate change and congestion with the same dollars.

We've been focused on transportation and climate change throughout our 76-year-old history: By the 1940's the Council was a regional environment watchdog for We started BART to take cars off the road, sponsored legislation to start BCDC and MTC, brought back public ferries to address congestion, and have supported many measures to transition away from fossil fuel.

The CAPTI presents ten guiding principles and a set of seven strategies that we believe will address the major issues that the transportation infrastructure is facing in conjunction with the climate crisis. The framework presented in the CAPTI will allow for an investment in zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, to improve social and racial equity by reducing public health and economic burdens and promoting projects that lead towards protecting our natural and working lands.

We support the plan and proposed projects that will improve transportation infrastructure and address the climate crisis which include: (1) increasing funding to the active transportation program, (2) prioritizing solutions for the congested corridors program and supporting projects that enable travelers to opt out of congestion, and (3) the exploration of new mechanisms to mitigate increases in vehicle miles traveled from transportation projects. It is imperative that transportation agencies consider the implications of not pursuing these project goals.

Thank you for continuing the mission to combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety, and equity as it pertains to transportation infrastructure. We look forward to working together to implement these projects, policies, and programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gwen Litvak', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gwen Litvak
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