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**RE: Executive Order (N-19-19) and the Climate Action Plan for
Transportation Infrastructure Plan (CAPTI) – City of Palmdale
comments**

The City of Palmdale supports the goals and objectives of Governor Newsom's Climate Change Executive Order (N-19-19) and the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure Plan (CAPTI).

The City of Palmdale respectfully requests that strategies developed and considered under CAPTI include an expanded investment and additional support and resources for local implementation of transportation demand management strategies. This would include a continued investment in zero-emission infrastructure including the expansion of an electrified California High Speed Rail system through Palmdale to the Los Angeles Basin and expansion of broadband infrastructure to support enhanced telecommuting.

Palmdale is a strong proponent of the California High Speed Rail project as it will improve regional mobility; help to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse gases (GhG) emissions and promotes economic development. While Palmdale fully supports investments in public transportation, other areas associated with addressing climate change are also in need of resources. As such, Palmdale is working to expand electric-

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upon 72 hours notice and request.

Ltr. to ARB, CTC and HCD

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vehicle use / charging facilities and enhanced broadband capacity. The pandemic's crash-course in teleworking proved to be effective at reducing VMT while maintaining the productivity needs of employers and employees in many industries.

In closing, in order for the City of Palmdale and the collective region to more fully contribute to reducing GhG, additional infrastructure investment, as described herein, is needed. We look forward to partnering with you, your respective agencies, and others to develop pragmatic solutions to meet the objectives articulated in the Executive Orders and to provide additional input on the development of CAPTI.

Please contact Deputy City Manager Mike Behen at 661-267-5337 / mbehen@cityofpalmdale.org or me at 661-267-5100 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter in more detail.

Sincerely,



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