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SUPPORT for Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

Dear Secretary Kim,

On behalf of the member companies of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, I write to **express support for the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)** and the principles contained therein. SVLG applauds the direction by the California State Transportation Agency to inform future discretionary transportation spending and align with critical state climate adaptation goals.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents hundreds of Silicon Valley's most respected employers in issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic quality of life in Silicon Valley. Collectively, Leadership Group members provide nearly one out of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley and contribute more than \$3 trillion to the global economy.

As a business organization in the Bay Area, the Leadership Group and its member companies are supportive of the intent of CalSTA, through the CAPTI, to encourage mobility options that are sustainable, convenient, seamless, and affordable, for the transportation sector to be a part of the solution in meeting state goals for greenhouse gas reductions. Further, the Leadership Group applauds the intent of the CAPTI to confront and address longstanding inequities brought by transportation infrastructure and the exploration of remedies.

In particular, the Leadership Group has three points of emphasis of particular interest with respect to Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and policies. We recommend the following points to be incorporated into the CAPTI:

- Updating the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) guidelines to *prioritize projects that improve ZEV infrastructure* while also improving movement of freight along trade corridors via electric vehicles.
- *Developing a new category* in the Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to provide additional support and funding to transit agencies to replace their aging vehicle fleets with ZEVs.
- *Prioritizing the inclusion of zero-emission freight projects* in the California Freight Mobility Plan project list.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group looks forward to continuing work alongside CalSTA, and state, regional and local partners to align transportation priorities with climate goals.

Sincerely,

Stephen Tu
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