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Sacramento Regional Transit District
1400 29th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

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Re: Support for SacRT's Zero Emission Bus Fleet Transition Plan

Larry Carr
Council Member
City of Sacramento

Dear SacRT Board of Directors:

Bret Daniels
Council Member
City of Citrus Heights

On behalf of Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District), I am writing to extend our support for the ambitious zero emission bus plan put forward by staff to transition SacRT's bus fleet to 100% zero-emission by 2040 in accordance with the California Air Resource Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulation.

Steve Hansen
Council Member
City of Sacramento

The Sac Metro Air District has responsibility to advance the greater capital region towards meeting all national ambient air quality standards and the state's decarbonization commitments, and SacRT has been a stalwart partner, transitioning from diesel to compressed natural gas, and now to zero-emission engines. This action is part of a continued commitment to air quality and climate stability, consistent with the Mayor's Climate Commission and Executive Order N-19-19; both which call for investing in innovative strategies that encourage people to shift to sustainable modes of transportation.

Jeff Harris
Vice Mayor
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Patrick Kennedy
Supervisor
County of Sacramento

As the agency with the "primary responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of ... clean fuels programs"¹ we understand the challenges and benefits of transitioning to a new technology. However, we find that the Zero Emission Bus Fleet Transition Plan is an ambitious, attainable and responsible path forward for the agency. Our regional climate goals, especially those outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, depend on a robust, efficient, and high-ridership SacRT. Your innovations in service, such as SmARTRide and SacRT Forward, as well as your innovations in technology, such as the zero-emission Causeway Connection and SmARTRide buses, bode well for our Region.

Paige Lampson
Council Member
City of Galt

Steve Ly
Council Member
City of Elk Grove

Through this letter, we commit to a continued partnership with SacRT to fulfill this ambitious plan and will seek efforts to partner on funding opportunities and collaborations that will assist with this fleet transition.

Don Nottoli
Supervisor
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Supervisor
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Thank you for your steadfast efforts to improve our region's air quality and the mobility for all of our residents. Sac Metro Air District looks forward to working closely with SacRT to achieve this shared vision for zero emission mobility.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alberto Ayala

¹ California Health & Safety Code 40961

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Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jaime Lemus, Manager, Transportation and Climate Change Division at jlemus@airquality.org or (916) 874-2911.

Sincerely,



Alberto Ayala, Ph.D., M.S.E
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer