

CARB Board Meeting

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Honorable Board members,

Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has strong concerns that the proposed Proposed Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market- Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation and budgetary changes that would:

- Cut \$600 million a year from major transit programs Transit and Integrated Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) that fund capital projects, transit electrification, and reduced-fare programs.
- Defund \$800 million a year from the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, halting affordable housing and community transportation infrastructure.

These amendments to the regulation would eliminate vital state funding, threatening the City of Los Angeles's ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and jeopardize day-to-day transit operations. Stripping these resources creates immediate obstacles for Los Angeles's most transit-reliant and underserved residents who depend on the network for daily mobility. Without dedicated funding, the state will force transit agencies to either slow-walk or outright cancel zero-emission initiatives that are currently leading the nation. We urge you to preserve CARB funding for public transit.

Los Angeles is the second largest city in the nation and LADOT is the second largest operator in LA County in terms of ridership. LADOT serves nearly 16 million passenger trips and operates 400 buses. LADOT fares are \$0.75 cents - the most affordable transit fare in the State.

City of Los Angeles via LADOT receives nearly \$2 million per year in formula LCTOP funds and has received \$50 Million in discretionary programs from GHG Reduction Fund. Our City just requested \$105 million in TIRCP funds to fully electricity the fleet for the central-most, transit-dependent and densest area in Los Angeles

LADOT is a state leader as the first transit system to go all-electric - City Council requires LADOT to electrify our transit system by 2030, 10 years ahead of the State ICT requirement

LADOT continues to make progress towards fully electrifying the DASH bus system. Most recently LADOT accomplished converting 54 percent of the fleet to battery electric buses, which include the 130 BYD battery electric buses LADOT purchased and received in the last two years, largely from a \$32 million TIRCP award.

Without dedicated funding through LCTOP, TIRCP, and AHSC will jeopardize the City of Los Angeles from meeting our climate goals.

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