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ATTACHMENT B

February 6, 2020

RE: Invitation to the second Regional Clean Truck Initiative Working Group meeting

Thank you for your continued collaboration with Metro in developing our **Regional Clean Truck Initiative**. Your participation, input and commitment will prove instrumental to the successful development of a program to deploy cleaner truck technology to reduce tailpipe emissions in Los Angeles County generated from diesel-fueled trucks that move goods along our highways and through our communities.

The next meeting of the Regional Clean Truck Initiative Working Group is scheduled for **March 17, 2020** from **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM** at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments headquarters, located at 16401 Paramount Boulevard in Paramount, CA 90723. An Outlook Invitation will be sent to you shortly to solidify this date on your calendar – to RSVP, please simply respond to the invitation.

We very much appreciate those that were able to attend our last meeting in December, which was very productive. The summary of the meeting is included with this correspondence (Attachment A) for your review. Attached please find presentations we made in January regarding our Goods Movement Strategic Plan and the Regional Clean Truck Initiative to the Metro Planning and Programming Committee and the VerdeXchange panel on *Environmental Justice and Community Based Planning Case Study: Goods Movement in the I-710 Corridor* (Attachments B and C, respectively).

Our collective efforts to develop this initiative were recognized and elevated by the Metro Board of Directors at its January 2020 board meeting. Directors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis, along with co-authors Chairman James Butts and Directors Robert Garcia and Ara Najarian, introduced Motion 8.1 (Attachment D) which directed that the development of the I-710 South Corridor Clean Truck Program be handled through the Metro Goods Movement Strategic Plan as “an early focal point for the Regional Clean Truck Initiative” which is intended to be countywide in nature and inclusive of the I-710 program.

Metro’s Goods Movement Planning team is directed to report back to the Board this March on a framework for implementation of the I-710 Clean Truck Program. This report must include a response to three specific elements of Motion 8.1:

- *Development of implementation details, including eligibility requirements, institutional arrangements, management, staff resources, and administration*
- *Evaluation of different potential strategies to accelerate progressive transition to Zero Emission trucks in the I-710 corridor*
- *Recommendations on how to encourage participation of key regulatory agencies and stakeholders in the development of the program, with a specific focus on community-based organizations, non-profits, and community advocacy groups.*

We will need your help to accomplish this important goal.

To respond to this direction from our Board of Directors in a timely manner, and to inform the discussion at our March 17th meeting, our team will be reaching out very soon to you individually with questions specific to your particular organization's expertise and mission.

We will also be posing the following questions to all stakeholders:

- What are the key elements (e.g., funding, infrastructure, policy) necessary to develop and implement a successful Clean Truck Program for the I-710 South Corridor?
- What does a collaborative, effective institutional arrangement supporting the I-710 Clean Truck Program look like to ensure long-term success in deploying cleaner truck technology on the corridor?
- How do we build upon existing efforts like the Ports' Clean Air Action Plan and avoid redundancies and inefficiencies in deploying this program?
- What is a reasonable "progressive transition to Zero Emission trucks" and what are the pressing concerns that must be addressed to allow for such a transition over the next 10 years to be expedited?
- What should an implementable first phase of a Clean Truck Program for the I-710 South Corridor look like, in terms of length, scope, etc.?
- What other community groups, non-profits, equity-focused groups, regulatory agencies, organizations, etc., need to be in the room to ensure a robust and inclusive stakeholder group as envisioned by the Metro Board? The invited roster for our last meeting is included with this letter (Attachment E) for your review.
- What aspects of equity need to be identified and included in the development of the I-710 Clean Truck Program? What are the key challenges and opportunities available in regards to advancing equity needs?

We would appreciate receiving your responses to these questions and our additional questions by February 26th, 2020. If you would prefer to set up a conference call or meeting to provide these responses and discuss the Regional Clean Truck Initiative in general, please let us know so that we can arrange a time in the next three weeks. Please contact Akiko Yamagami (YamagamiA@metro.net) with your responses to these questions or any request for a phone conversation or meeting during this three-week period.

At the March 17th meeting we anticipate discussing the key findings from the December 2019 meeting, providing an update on the responses to these follow-up questions, and hosting a facilitated roundtable discussion on the development of the I-710 South Clean Truck Program as part of our Regional Clean Truck Initiative. The outcomes of our ongoing discussion with you and our key stakeholders will be presented as part of our response to Motion 8.1 to the Metro Board of Directors at their March 2020 meeting.

We highly value your expertise and knowledge regarding our regional goal to implement cleaner trucks as soon as possible in Los Angeles County, and we look forward to your participation at this upcoming meeting and to our ongoing conversations in support of the Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan, the Regional Clean Truck Initiative, and the I-710 South Corridor Clean Truck Program.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Cano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Cano
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Attachments:

- A. Regional Clean Truck Initiative Working Group Meeting Summary (December 2019)
- B. Presentation to Metro Planning and Programming Committee (January 2020) [Link](#) to the document
- C. VerdeXchange Conference Presentation on *Environmental Justice and Community Based Planning Case Study: Goods Movement in the I-710 Corridor* (January 2020)
- D. LA Metro Board Motion 8.1 [Link](#) to the document
- E. Invited Roster for Regional Clean Truck Initiative (December 2019)