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Elissa Konove
CalSTA Acting Secretary / Undersecretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall Suite 350 B
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of SacRT's 2022 TIRCP application for zero emission buses

Dear Acting Secretary Konove,

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) supports the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) application to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for the purchase of twenty-seven electric zero emission buses (ZEBs) and related charging infrastructure.

These new ZEBs, along with those already in use by SacRT, will reinforce the region's commitment to greenhouse gas reduction and be a good example for others. Since the transportation sector is responsible for about half of the region's greenhouse gas emissions, replacing gas powered buses with electric buses is a necessary and important climate action step. It will help improve the region's air quality, reduce greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions, improve the health of residents and visitors, and demonstrate the effectiveness of clean transportation to the public.

In 2019, Governor Newsom signed E.O. N-19-19 which required "that every aspect of state government redouble its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. . ." and it called for "innovative strategies designed to encourage people to shift from cars to other modes of transportation." The zero emission buses sought by SacRT, if approved, will fulfill both objectives.

Thank you very much for considering our support for SacRT's TIRCP application.

Sincerely,

Susan Herre
ECOS President

TOP POLICY OBJECTIVES of ECOS

- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Improve Air Quality
- Promote and Reinforce Smart Growth Principles
- Establish a Regionally Coordinated Conservation Strategy
- Establish a Sustainable Water Supply
- Achieve Equity in Housing, Public Health, and Opportunities