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California Air Resources Board  
Mobile Source Control Division & Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division  
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Dear California Air Resources Board,

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) supports the SacRT Mobility Hub Implementation Plan application for the FY2022-23 Planning and Capacity Building grant program. The application is submitted by Civic Thread in partnership with Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and Sacramento Building Healthy Communities (Sac BHC).

ECOS' mission is to achieve regional sustainability, livable communities, environmental justice, and a healthy environment and economy for existing and future residents. ECOS strives to bring positive change to the Sacramento region by proactively working with the individual and organizational members of ECOS, neighborhood groups, and local and regional governments.

The Sacramento metropolitan area suffers from some of the nation's worst air quality, primarily due to transportation emissions, disproportionately affecting under-resourced communities. It is imperative to take action to promote sustainable transportation and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within our region.

In 2022, four agencies — Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and SacRT — collaboratively created the Sacramento Region Zero Carbon Transportation Initiatives: ZEV Deployment Strategy. A key component is to implement 52 mobility hubs throughout the region, combining all modes of travel and supporting transit connections with zero-emission technology.

The SacRT Mobility Hub Implementation Plan will serve to advance the regional mobility hub initiative through equitable and inclusive community engagement. The Plan will identify feasible sites from SacRT's 54 light rail stations, then assess potential service and amenity enhancements at these sites including improved access across all modes of transportation, tailored to the unique needs and priorities of each community.

Implementing mobility hubs is critical to enhancing transportation equity in Sacramento neighborhoods. This innovative approach will result in reduced unhealthy airborne emissions, improved mobility options, increased transportation network resilience, and

will stimulate economic development. ECOS supports the SacRT Mobility Hub Implementation Plan grant application.

**We support this grant application and look forward to being collaborative partners in the planning process.**

Sincerely,

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