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Maura F. Twomey
Executive Director
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
24580 Silver Cloud Court
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Support for AMBAG's Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application for the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency (Monterey Bay EV CAR) Framework

Dear Ms. Twomey:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments' (AMBAG's) Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application. We are highly supportive of AMBAG's proposed Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework and see this effort as critical to achieving equitable climate resiliency in our region.

In the Monterey Bay area, EV charging infrastructure is rapidly emerging as the backbone of the ongoing transition to a zero-emissions transportation system. This infrastructure is deeply tied to the electric grid, and its deployment has created numerous questions around equity, climate change vulnerability, and community resiliency. There is now an urgent need to understand and address these issues, especially in the context of increasing electrical grid constraints and instability, climate change induced disasters, and longer-term climate hazards such as sea level rise and coastal erosion. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay region, AMBAG is a key partner on transportation and land use planning and is the perfect stakeholder to work with our community to address these issues.

The proposed Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework is critically needed in our community, to identify the climate vulnerabilities of EV charging infrastructure, and deploy multi-benefit climate adaptation strategies that lead to an equitable and resilient transition to a zero-emissions transportation future.

The County of Monterey strongly supports AMBAG's proposed Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework. If you have any questions about our support for this project please contact the County's Sustainability Program Manager, Ashley Paulsworth at 831.755.5344 or PaulsworthAL@co.monterey.ca.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
Board of Supervisors