

October 15, 2020 GM 20-225

Sacramento Regional Transit District 1400 29<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95817

Re: Support for SacRT's Zero Emission Bus Fleet Transition Plan

Dear SacRT Board of Directors:

On behalf of SMUD, I am writing to extend our support for the ambitious zero emission bus plan put forward by staff to transition SacRT's bus fleet to 100% zero-emission by 2040, in accordance with the California Air Resource Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulation.

SMUD applauds SacRT for years of focus on tackling the challenges presented by climate change. Earlier this summer, the SMUD Board adopted a climate emergency declaration that commits to working toward an ambitious goal of delivering carbon neutral electricity by 2030. The declaration recognizes the immediate risks to our community and demands bold action to achieve results.

As part of this strategy, it is paramount that we increase transit ridership and electrify the mobility sector, the largest source of emissions in California. Due to the rapidly evolving nature of zero emission technologies, we know that achieving this plan will require a true regional partnership and commitment. That is why SMUD is committed to helping SacRT fulfill this ambitious plan through close coordination and infrastructure that will be vital with this fleet transition.

Thank you for your steadfast efforts to improve our region's air quality and mobility for all of our residents. SMUD looks forward to working closely with SacRT to achieve this shared vision for zero emission mobility.

Sincerely,

Paul Lau

Chief Executive Officer & General Manager

