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Re: Caltrans and Metro's Response Regarding the Written Commitment/Preliminary Information for the ZE/NZE Truck Deployment Program

Dear Mr. Bulinski and Mr. Washington:

I am responding to your letter of October 29, 2019, requesting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support in a determination that the I-710 Corridor transportation project is not a project of air quality concern. The request is based on your position that a written commitment under 40 CFR Part 93 is not required for the I-710 Clean Truck Program. After reviewing your letter and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Steering Committee to Implement the I-710 Clean Truck Program, the EPA continues to believe that a written commitment describing the program (timing, funding, etc.) is necessary. At this time, we do not have enough information for EPA to determine whether or not the program would effectively reduce the increase in diesel vehicles and thus result in the project not needing a hot-spot analysis. Therefore, we are unable to concur that the I-710 Corridor transportation project is not a project of air quality concern, and we would like to continue to work with you to ensure conformity requirements are met.

The EPA is supportive of the efforts that Caltrans and Metro have made to begin planning for near-zero and zero-emission strategies along the I-710 Corridor, as the use of these technologies along the I-710 Corridor is essential for reducing emissions in the project area. We request to meet with you and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to discuss these issues further.



Please have your staff contact Ben Machol, Manager of the Partnerships & Technologies Office, at (415) 972-3770, [Machol.Ben@epa.gov](mailto:Machol.Ben@epa.gov) to coordinate and schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

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