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Keith Carson, Supervisor, 5th District

October 31, 2022

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Port of Oakland Green Microgrid Project – Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

Dear Director Weiss:

I wish to express my strong support for the joint application submitted by the Port of Oakland (Port), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for a transformative Green Power Microgrid project at the Oakland seaport. This project will create an enhanced and sustainable renewable energy utility infrastructure network at the Port to support the growing base of zero emissions freight equipment users. Through the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), the state of California can continue to partner and significantly advance sustainable transportation initiatives in the goods movement sector in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This project improves the resiliency of the Port's utility operations and supports the continued development and integration of zero emissions vehicles and equipment into the Port of Oakland's maritime operations, in addition to supporting renewable energy generation throughout the seaport. The \$60 million total project consists of six substation upgrades for the modernization and of the Port's electric grid, solar infrastructure and battery storage capacity, and installation of heavy-duty electric vehicle chargers at multiple locations throughout the seaport to support zero emissions on-road vehicles and other clean cargo handling equipment at the marine terminals.

The Port of Oakland has adopted an ambitious Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations. This air quality plan also supports initiatives which lower the carbon footprint of seaport operations and support the state's ambitious greenhouse gas goals.

Furthermore, the deployment of heavy-duty EV charging infrastructure serving seaport trucking and maritime terminal users is also among the highest priorities identified by West Oakland community stakeholders. Heavy-duty EV charging was identified as a top near-term priority implementation item in the West Oakland Community Air Action Plan, which was developed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, and as a part of which the Port of Oakland also served on the Steering Committee.

We appreciate your continued commitment to an efficient and sustainable transportation network and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Carson, President
Supervisor, Fifth District