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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
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Re: Concept Paper for the Freight Handbook

Dear CARB staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for the Concept Paper for the Freight Handbook. On behalf of the City of Paramount, I would like to submit the following comments:

- The availability of subsidies for locally owned and operated freight companies to purchase zero emissions trucks.
- The availability of grants for small cities to give business owners interested in expanding to retrofit existing buildings.
- Strategies CARB is using to convince large companies to opt into purchasing large zero-emissions trucks.

Regarding Transition Zones:

- Ways in which communities will be selected to assist in creating transition zones.
- Clarification whether said community groups are selected, invited, or whether that decision is up to local governments.
- How groups will be allowed to join, either on a rolling basis or if there will be an enrollment or participation period.
- Details on the decision making process for what will be placed in these zones.
- Additional funding for cities to conduct community outreach and job training or education programs. As well as guidance by CARB on how conduct this outreach.
- Guidance on how to create and implement Community Benefit Agreements.
- A developer can state the health risk to incoming tenants located in transition zones, but that does not guarantee they will. Strategies or suggestions to ensure that tenants and employees are aware of any cancer risks.

Regarding Land Use Practice and Scenarios:

- Advice for to smaller cities that do not have the additional space to permit parking lots for freight facilities.

- Availability for grants or funding for additional vegetation maintenance outside a respective city's budget.
- Further details on who will be creating said routes and if communities or local government input carry weight over large freight companies.

Other:

- Information on proper disposal for zero emissions trucks batteries, if electric.
- Clarification as to whether cities will be asked to have a site available for battery disposal purposes or whether that will fall on responsibility of companies to find a location for disposal.

You are welcome to contact Assistant Planning Director John King of my staff at 562-220-2049 or jking@paramountcity.com if you have any questions.

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