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March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Attention: Whitney Katchmark
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s Application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

I am writing on behalf of the County of York to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. York County is committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are critical components of this effort.

York County cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The Board of Supervisors prioritizes environmental stewardship, focusing on resiliency and highlighting its significance within their strategic agenda.

We know that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance the Hampton Roads Region's environmental and

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public health issues. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities. York County fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases further. It will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

We are excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding York County's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 757-890-3320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M Bellamy, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.
County Administrator

Copy to: York County Board of Supervisors