

Mayor Edwin M. Lee
City and County of San Francisco
San Francisco City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

May 25, 2011

Dear Mayor Lee:

As organizations concerned with the San Francisco transportation sector, we are writing to express our support for the City and County of San Francisco's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and specifically for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Climate Action Strategy for the transportation sector.

The 'New Century Transportation' Advisory Panel to the San Francisco Climate Action Plan met several times and advised SFMTA staff about our various stakeholder perspectives and how to improve the plan. We (the community and technical organizations listed below) appreciated the opportunity to learn about the City's action on climate change and to comment on the Climate Action Strategy.

We recognize that the transportation sector is responsible for about 35 % of San Francisco's greenhouse gas emissions. The City and County of San Francisco's policies will be crucial as we build a city in which walking, biking, and public transportation are prioritized above single occupancy car travel. Because human mobility is central to our economy and to the life of every citizen it will take organizations like ours, working with the City, to realize MTA's vision for the future of transportation in San Francisco – a safer, more efficient, and lower carbon vision. We remain committed to advocacy, communication, and developing existing and new businesses to support the transportation infrastructure of the 21st century.

We urge the Mayor to fully fund and implement the SFMTA 2011 Climate Action Strategy, and to envision even bolder action as San Francisco advances into this new century. We are ready and excited to work hand in hand with the City as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

The New Century Transportation Advisory Panel to the San Francisco Climate Action Plan

Marc Caswell - San Francisco Bike Coalition
Rick Hutchinson - CityCarShare
Gary Bauer - Bauer's Intelligent Transportation
Marc Geller - Plug In America

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