



December 11, 2017

Chair Mary Nichols and Members of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Air Resources Board:

I am writing on behalf of GenZe by Mahindra (based in Fremont, CA) to share our comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives (Funding Plan) under project category **LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLE AND TRANSPORTATION EQUITY INVESTMENTS**.

Transportation Equity Project- Clean Mobility Option in Disadvantaged Communities

GenZe will like to propose the inclusion of e-bikes (electric bikes) to be eligible for funding under shared mobility project grants. E-bikes are a very attractive option in shared mobility settings like bikeshare as it allows adult citizens of all age groups and fitness levels to commute or ride longer distances and hilly locations. This also adds to a healthier lifestyle without making people sweat or stress their knees during long rides. We firmly believe that e-bikes are not only a complementary mode of transport to car share but also a more affordable option when it comes to equity. An e-bike can typically go around 35 miles on a complete charge and we can govern the top speed between 15-20mph. The cities do not need to worry about traffic and parking structures when more people use e-bikes. When it comes to safety they behave like a normal bicycle with pedal assistance.

GenZe by Mahindra appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Proposed FY 2017-18 Funding Plan. As reflected in these comments, we continue to support focusing investments to help meet California's GHG emissions reduction and air pollution standards goals while creating healthier lifestyle options equitably to its citizens. We look forward to engaging in the development of future funding plans for clean transportation programs.



CVRP (standard rebates)

GenZe will like to propose the inclusion of two-wheel electric scooters that are commuter friendly but not on freeways/ highways to be eligible for rebates. This will help improve traffic flow in crowded locations such as downtowns and tourist centers. CA DMV allows scooter share operators to be able to rent out scooters with a standard car driver license when rental is within the stipulated time. This incentive will potentially reduce single occupancy car rides and thus improving the local air quality and health. We are suggesting a lesser rebate value for two-wheel electric scooters under a separate category (not included kick scooters and other recreational ones).

Sincerely,
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