

November 17, 2025

Ms. Lauren Sanchez, Chair
California Air Resources Board
Clerk's Office 0 1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814 (via electronic only)

Re: Electric Bicycle Incentive Project Program Funding

Dear Chair Sanchez and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we appreciate the efforts of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector by developing incentives for Californians to purchase electric bicycles. We appreciated working with CARB staff to support the successful implementation of the California E-Bike Incentive Project (EBIP). It was clear that our shared goal was to ensure the success of

the program, developing the foundation of the pilot and expending the initial $10 million so that the program could expand. It was also clear that the pilot phase succeeded - over 2,000 low-income individuals were able to obtain high-quality e-bikes, and the demand far outstripped the available incentives.

However, despite such long-term planning and success, we are disappointed in CARB's recent decision to reallocate the remaining funding from EBIP into the Clean Cars 4 All program. We understand that the justification to do so was to follow legislative and administrative direction regarding budget constraints. But to zero out the EBIP, without any public transparency or discussion process, undermines California's ability to foster a cleaner and more sustainable transportation system.

This is not what climate leadership looks like. Over one hundred thousand Californians lined up for a modest voucher that would help them drive less, save money, and move freely. Ending that opportunity now ignores that clear demand and walks back hard-won progress. We respectfully urge the Board to renew your commitment to ensuring that California continues to lead the nation in climate leadership and benefitting its most vulnerable communities. We ask that funding be restored to EBIP, while finding other budget solutions for electric motor vehicle incentives.

We look forward to continuing to work with CARB to support the EBIP. If you would like to talk more in-depth about the above, please feel free to contact me at kendra@calbike.org or (707) 469-3387. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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