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I. Introduction

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding in accordance with Section 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure.

II. Interest in this Proceeding

As part of the rulemaking for SB 1376, RCTC is potentially identified as an Access Fund Administrator (AFA). As the potential AFA for Riverside County, RCTC would be required to hold a competitive call for projects, receive and allocate the funding, provide oversight over the implementation of CPUC guidelines and provide reporting to the CPUC. As the potential AFA, RCTC has an interest in the proceedings.

RCTC was established by legislative statute in 1976 and adheres to all statutorily required regulations including the Public Utilities Code (PUC), California Government (GOV), California Vehicle Code (VEH), Public Contract Code (PCC), and Streets and Highway Code (SHC). RCTC’s role is to oversee the funding and coordinating of all public transportation services within Riverside County (County) and is designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA).

RCTC's governing body consists of all five members of the County Board of Supervisors; one elected official from each County's 28 cities; and one non-voting member appointed by the Governor of California. RCTC is responsible for setting policies, establishing priorities, and coordinating activities among the County's various transit operators and other agencies. RCTC also programs and/or reviews the allocation of federal, state, and local funds for highway, transit, rail, non-motorized travel (bicycle and pedestrian), and other transportation activities. RCTC is legally responsible for allocating Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, the major source of funds for transit operators and also serves as the tax authority and implementing agency for the voter approved Measure A Transportation Improvement Program for the County.

RCTC is designated as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) and Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for the County. As the designated SAFE, RCTC provides call box service for motorists, Freeway Service Patrol, and a traveler information system. As the CMA, RCTC coordinates with local jurisdictions to establish congestion mitigation procedures for the County's roadway system. Lastly, RCTC participates in ongoing funding and governance of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, known as Metrolink, and owns and operates all nine (9) commuter rail stations serving the County.

As the rulemaking for SB 1376 unfolds, RCTC, as the potential AFA for Riverside County, requests to be a part of the proceedings and aims to align the discussion with its current regional priorities and programs.

III. Notice

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to Riverside County Transportation Commission at the address set forth below:

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IV. Conclusion

The Riverside County Transportation Commission's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party and will not delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the issues in the proceeding. For the reasons stated above, Riverside County Transportation Commission respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

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Respectfully submitted,



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