Community-Identified Project Approval Notice

Modified Green Spaces Project Plan

Air District: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Community: Southeast Los Angeles

Community Emissions Reduction Program Measure:

Chapter 5d of SELA CERP includes:

- <u>Action A</u>: Collaborate with land-use, state, and local agencies (e.g., Public Works, Parks and Recreation), non-profit organizations, and the CSC to develop a list of low-volatile organic compound (low-VOC) and drought tolerant trees.
- <u>Action B</u>: Evaluate opportunities to use future settlement funds to support community green space projects (e.g., bikeways, river paths, transit corridors).
- <u>Action C</u>: Collaborate with nonprofits, local, and regional agencies to provide letters of support and air quality information for urban greening funding opportunities, including maintenance. Collaborate with nonprofits, local, and regional agencies to identify potential metrics to measure progress in increasing tree canopy in SELA.
- <u>Action D</u>: Work with CSC, State, and local agencies to identify and prioritize locations for installing vegetative buffers near freeways, particularly near the I-710.

Project Plan Identifier: 2023-09CIP-SC-1

Project Type: Mitigation Strategy

Project Plan Completion Date: December 27, 2023

CARB Action (Date): Approved; January 4, 2024

CARB Modification Action (Date): Approved; January 10, 2025

Project Description: This plan allocates \$2.5M for urban greening projects to reduce exposure to air pollutants such as ground-level ozone, oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and particulate matter (PM).

Project Benefits: In addition to reducing exposure to ozone, NOx, and PM, the increase of green spaces can benefit the community by enhancing community members' access to recreational opportunities.

Modified Plan Summary: Allow funding for projects within the SELA Emissions Study Area. It increases the maximum amount of non-construction costs from 10% to 25% and allows other financing mechanisms to solicit applications.