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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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TO:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 25-ALT-01
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Docket No. 25-ALT-01 - 2025-2026 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Dear Commissioners and Staff of the California Energy Commission,

Zoox appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Clean Transportation Program (CTP) Investment Plan for FY 25-26. We commend the Energy Commission for its continued leadership in advancing California's transition to zero-emission transportation

Based in Foster City, CA, Zoox is reinventing personal transportation – building a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable future on the road. At the core of its vision is a purpose-built robotaxi that offers the world a better way to ride. Through a combination of cutting-edge technology and a focus on the rider experience, Zoox is transforming urban mobility with its comprehensive and cohesive autonomous ride-hailing service. Zoox assembles the robotaxis in our 210,000-square-foot serial production facility in Hayward, California, and we own and operate the fleet for our ride-hailing service. Individual consumers or other entities cannot purchase our vehicles.

Zoox currently operates primarily in urban environments, where land availability is often constrained and dedicated charging infrastructure can be limited. Developing charging options is crucial for optimizing an EV fleet business model in these areas, and we encourage the Commission to consider these evolving needs in its definition of a fleet charger.

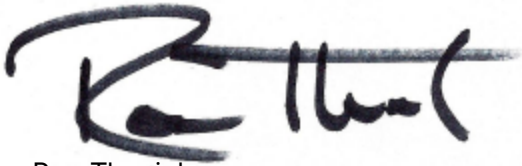
Zoox strongly supports the proposed \$98.5 million allocation for Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure within the FY 2025–2026 Investment Plan Update. This funding will be critical to expanding access to charging infrastructure and ensuring that California meets its ambitious ZEV deployment goals. Within this funding, we respectfully encourage the Commission to include dedicated funding to support fleet-focused charging infrastructure, including for autonomous fleet operations. Light-duty fleet electrification – ranging from ride-hailing to delivery services and emerging autonomous vehicle fleets – represents one of the fastest-growing market segments in clean transportation. Ensuring that these fleets have access to reliable, high-powered charging will be essential to achieving widespread and equitable electrification.

Supporting AV charging infrastructure provides multiple benefits, including improving grid

efficiency and better utilizing resources. Strategically located fleet charging hubs can optimize grid interconnections, support load management, and reduce the need for redundant infrastructure. Autonomous, shared, and ride-hailing fleets will depend on reliable, high-throughput charging to operate efficiently and safely, particularly in urban areas. The Zoox ride-hailing service has the potential to significantly expand access to zero-emission transportation while also reducing congestion and tailpipe emissions in our cities, in line with the goals of Governor Gavin Newsom's recent Executive Order (N-27-25). By supporting innovative zero-emission AV fleet models, the Commission will encourage a broader range of EV deployments and will help keep California at the forefront of new, zero-emission transportation technologies and services.

Thank you again for your leadership and steadfast support for zero-emission transportation in California. We appreciate your consideration of our feedback and look forward to working together to realize the state's vision for a safer, cleaner, and more resilient transportation system.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Thaniel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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