

The California Community Colleges, *Advanced Transportation & Renewable Energy Sector*
(ATRE) comments on
California Sustainable Freight Action Plan

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Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing this transitional document and offer our Transportation and Renewable Energy workforce comments. P. Davis

- ATRE supports these position statements from the Executive Summary:

“California’s freight transport system is essential to supporting the State’s economic competitiveness in coming decades while reducing harmful pollution affecting many California communities.”

“Modernizing California’s freight transport system in a manner that improves safety and reduces pollution is essential to improve public health and meet our environmental imperatives.”

“Recognizing that the freight transport system is dynamic and continuously adjusting to meet ever-changing system demands, California must take hold of opportunities within this active system to help achieve the objectives in the Governor’s Executive Order”

- As ATRE reviewed the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan we were surprised at the lack of transitional training concepts and timelines for, *advanced Transportation, Renewable Energy, Manufacturing, and the Trade component for the incumbent workforce. The Transitional Training Employee component should be included by the Freight System analysis and action plan projection.*
- Historically, from our perspective, *the partners necessary for success of the transition, of this magnitude and scope, is the industry workforce.* They will, if properly trained, sustain the economic competitiveness by embracing new technologies and skill-sets to allow the Freight Action Plan to reduce harmful pollution affecting many California communities.
- *Remove the largest barrier to acceptance of the Freight Action Plan: Early training of the existing skilled and nimble workforce, to maintain California’s competitiveness, will accelerate adoption of clean vehicle, equipment technologies and renewable fuels for freight of zero and near-zero emission technologies.*