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From: Patricia (Trish) Munro <pkmunro@cityoflivermore.net>
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The Honorable Pauline Cutter, Chair
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Chair Cutter:

As a resident of and councilmember for Livermore, I strongly support the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) request to amend the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). I write this on a Friday afternoon. Were I to travel the 20 miles from my home to Tracy, it would take 40 minutes and I would be routed through backroads. Were I to drive the 28 miles from the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station—where Valley Link is proposed to connect—that would take me almost an hour, again cutting through town because the freeway is so impacted. The Tri-Valley is a thriving region with a traffic problem caused by inadequate housing throughout the Bay Area and inadequate public transportation linking San Joaquin County to the Tri-Valley. The result is less time for people to spend with families and engaging in their communities, poorer air quality for all, and poorer health for those sitting behind their steering wheels. The people who are most affected? Those who cannot afford to live closer to their jobs. Providing adequate public transportation is a social justice and environmental issue.

Valley Link will be a key part of solving these transportation problems. A TEP amendment would acknowledge the Authority as a new agency in Alameda County, make it an eligible recipient of Measure BB funds, and add Valley Link for the $400 million Measure BB funding identified for the BART to Livermore project. The Tri-Valley desperately needs rail connectivity to give our Bay Area work force the ability to thrive where they live.

I implore you to approve the Authority's Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment, so that this critical project can move forward and that long-standing commitments to the Tri-Valley are finally honored.

Sincerely,

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