CHABOT
LAS POSITAS
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
DISTRICT

May 25, 2020

The Honorable Pauline Cutter, Chair
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Chair Cutter:

Subject: Approval of Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment

I write to support the approval of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) request to initiate an amendment to the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). The TEP amendment will acknowledge the Authority as a new agency in Alameda County that can be an eligible recipient of Measure BB funds and update the TEP by adding Valley Link for the $400 million Measure BB funding identified for the BART to Livermore project. This action will fulfill a commitment made to the Tri-Valley, and particularly Livermore, to advance rail connectivity to Livermore. After many decades of study, it will assure that our residents will finally benefit from the taxes they have paid to BART for many decades.

The CLPCCD and, especially Las Positas College, as evidenced by our MOU with LAVTA, recognize the value of public transportation in meeting sustainability goals and facilitating travel to and from the college. Specifically, the largest benefactor of these two projects will be Las Positas College, and the community we serve which encompasses over 9,200 students and 500 employees. Our research shows that our public transportation usage average is 10,000 individual rides per month and nearly 500 students take the bus each business day. Of our total student population, 20% take classes at both campuses. A rail extension to Livermore would support and facilitate the needs of student populations from both the Tri-Valley and 880/580 corridors. We know there is still a great need for additional public transportation options for all of our students and employees.

CLPCCD provides educational opportunities and support for completing of students' transfer, associate degree, basic skills, career technical education, and retraining goals. We serve, annually, approximately 29,000 students. Our employees and students use public transportation to get to and from their homes to our places of work.

We urge approval of the Authority's Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment. This action will ensure that this vital project moves forward and that commitments to the Tri-Valley are long last met.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Gerhard
Chancellor

Cc: Alameda County Transportation Commission members
Tess Lengyel, ACTC Executive Director

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