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July 10, 2020

The Honorable Pauline Cutter, Chair
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
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Dear Chair Cutter:

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

On May 28, 2020, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) approved the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) request to amend the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) to add the Authority's Valley Link project into the TEP, remove the BART to Livermore project from the TEP, and to move $400 million from the BART to Livermore TEP project to the Valley Link project. ACTC's action initiated 45-day comment period for all jurisdictions in Alameda County to comment on the proposed amendment. On behalf of the City of Dublin and as an ACTC member jurisdiction, I write to strongly support the amendment of the TEP to include Valley Link and to move $400 million of Measure BB funding to Valley Link. The Valley Link project will fulfill a commitment made to the Tri-Valley to advance rail connectivity to Livermore and, after many decades of study, it will assure that our residents will finally benefit from the taxes they have paid.

An estimated 28,000 people are projected to ride the 42-mile, 7-station Valley Link system in 2040. This will result in the reduction of over 99.4 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the reduction of over 33,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Valley Link will connect Northern California Megaregion's workforce to affordable housing, will provide opportunities for compact transit-oriented development, and will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It will also provide an estimated 22,000 jobs during construction and when operational support 400 jobs per year with labor income of over $19 million per year and $69 million in business sales annually. In short, Valley Link is vital to our environment and the quality of life in our communities – and now even more vital to our economy given the recovery needs we are now facing.

I support ACTC's approval of the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment to include the Valley Link project. This action will ensure that this vital project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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