CHABOT
LAS POSITAS
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
DISTRICT

September 8, 2020

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

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

Dear Chair Cutter:

I write on behalf of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to again underscore strong support for the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority request to amend the 2014 Measure BB TEP. This action will directly benefit the taxpaying residents of the Tri-Valley, our students and employees, connect our Alameda County service work force, and importantly, it will create new jobs to stimulate our faltering economy.

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. 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. Valley Link 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. Valley Link and TEP Amendment will advance TOD plans currently underway at proposed stations – adding new and affordable housing units where they are needed most. It will also reduce congestion and improve safety on Interstate 580 – ranked as one of the Bay Area's most congested goods movement corridors that serves the Port of Oakland.

The time to act is now as this action will help position this vital project for federal and state stimulus funds. This project meets the moment and the urgency of this moment is now as we position our County and region for economic recovery and support the needs of our vital, taxpaying work force.

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District urges the Commission to consider the approval of Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan amendments for Valley Link.

Respectfully,

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Chancellor

CC: Michael Tree, Executive Director, Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority

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