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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

As a project partner and member of the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority), I write to support the approval of the Authority's request to an amend 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 to advance rail connectivity to Livermore. It will also support an intermodal connection between ACE and the BART system in the Tri-Valley and support the advancement of the Altamont Vision.

The Authority was created in 2017 by Assembly Bill 758 for the purpose of planning, developing and delivering cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between BART and the ACE commuter rail service in the Tri-Valley that reflects regional consensus and meets the goals and objectives of the San Joaquin Valley and Tri-Valley communities. Valley Link will benefit the entire Tri-Valley by reducing traffic over the Altamont Pass and through the 580/680 corridor. An estimated 93,400 Bay Area workers are now living in Northern San Joaquin County, commuting daily through the Altamont in their cars. Valley Link will operate 74 daily round trips, providing an estimated 33,000 daily rides in 2040. This will result in the reduction of over 99.4 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the reduction of an estimated 32,220 to 42,650 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

We urge approval of the Authority's Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment. This action will ensure that the Valley Link project moves forward and supports the Altamont Vision that our agencies are diligently working jointly to advance.

Sincerely,

Bill Clarkson
Mayor, City of San Ramon

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