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Tess Lengyel
Executive Director
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RE: Valley Link Transit Rail Project

Dear Ms. Lengyel:

I am aware that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee is taking up an amendment to the 2014 Measure BB expenditure plan (item 5.1) at its September 14, 2020 meeting. As you know, MTC has long supported actions to build the Tri-Valley Link Project and has committed over $60 million dollars since 2018 to bring this project forward. Most recently, at our June 24, 2020 meeting the Commission discussed the project at length and acted to allocate $46.8 million to the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for completion of 30% design, environmental review documents and for various operations and technical reports/studies on the Valley Link project. The action your committee is contemplating to amend the expenditure to direct $400 million to the project is an important part of the overall financial plan for the project.

As well, the Valley Link project is featured as a higher preforming, early implementation transit expansion project for inclusion into Plan Bay Area 2050. MTC approved the transportation element of Plan Bay Area 2050 that included Valley Link, in July. Known as the 'Blueprint' at this point in the process, the Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committee took action on Friday, September 1, 2020 to forward Valley Link among other projects, as part of the larger transit investment and GHG reduction strategy to the Commission and ABAG Executive Board for their approval this month.

When integrated with the Plan Bay Area 2050 Regional Growth Forecast the Blueprint will be further analyzed this fall in advance of approval of the Preferred Alternative for the Plan Bay Area 2050 EIR.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Therese W. McMillan
Executive Director, MTC

cc: Scott Haggerty, MTC Chair