September 10, 2020

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

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

CEMEX has multiple business operations within the jurisdiction of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), supporting a workforce of more than 200 employees, many of who commute from the Valley region. I write, on behalf on CEMEX, to strongly support approval of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) request to 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 and support our economy by providing our Bay Area workforce with a chance to have safe and affordable choices about where they can live and work.

Valley Link will link our Northern California Megaregion's workforce to affordable housing, provide opportunities for compact transit-oriented development and will have a significant impact on the reduction of traffic congestion and 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, it is vital to sustainable infrastructure, mobility and the quality of life in our communities – and even more vital to our economy given the recovery needs we are now facing.

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,

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cc: Alameda County Transportation Commission members
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