Bay Area Transportation Working Group (BATWG)

May 11, 2020

Hon. Elsa Ortiz, Chair, and Members of the Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee

Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)

1111 Broadway, Suite 800 Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Commissioner Ortez:

It has come to our attention that the ACTC is thinking of reallocating the Measure BB funds set aside for the Livermore BART connection to "Valley Link". We urge you to desist.

For one thing such an action would make a mockery of what the Alameda County voters voted for in 2016. For another it would deny the people of Livermore the one good way of getting from their city to the East Dublin BART Station.

At the time the BART Board was considering whether or not to put the Measure BB $400 million toward a proposed $3.2 billion BART extension to Greenville Road, BATWG conducted an extensive investigation of the bus alternative. It was our conclusion that in terms of improving the access of the people of Livermore to BART, well-appointed buses (patterned after the privately-operated hi-tech buses) operating in bus-only lanes would be a far cheaper and better option. At the time we envisioned three separate lines originating in separate parts of Livermore all traveling out-of-traffic, at least during commute hours, to the Station.

Sincerely,

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