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To:	Vanessa Lee
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Hi Vanessa-

I hope you are doing well. Please make sure my comments are read into the record for Public Comment as part of agenda item 8.1. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Thanks!

Tim Sbranti

Dear Chair Russo Cutter and Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the business and civic leaders who comprise the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, please support the Staff recommendation and the unanimous decision from PPLC to amend the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan and replace the BART to Livermore project with the Valley Link project.

I served on ACTC's Steering Committee as Mayor of Dublin when Measure BB was drafted. As Commissioner Haggerty pointed out at the PPLC meeting, a deliberate decision was made to ensure that priorities of leaders in each of ACTC's 4 planning areas were included in the measure. The priority in 2014 remains the same as it was 50 years as it is today.....establishing a rail connection heading east from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station into Livermore. By transferring the funding in Measure BB to Valley Link, it would also be consistent with the original intent and vision approved by the voters of Alameda County for rail connectivity in the Tri-Valley.

Another element of Measure BB gave the Commission the authority to make small modifications to the Plan as the need arose and future conditions warranted it. Considering that the planning and construction of passenger rail in the I-580 corridor of the Tri-Valley was transferred in 2018 from BART to the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Rail Authority, now is the time to transfer the funds as well for rail in the Tri-Valley. In recent months, the Authority has completed a Feasibility Report for Valley Link, a project proven to be cost-effective and efficient, estimated to carry between 26,000 and 28,000 riders a day to relieve gridlock in the highly congested I-580 corridor. With congestion on I-580 due to increase 75% by 2040, transportation alternatives for the area are a high priority and the time to act is now.

Amending the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan to provide $400 million to the Valley Link project for construction in the Alameda County portion of the project will be extremely important at this time so that the Authority can leverage local funds with state, federal and private funding to complete the much-needed project, and we hope that you will

fulfill the original vision and meet present and future needs of the County by approving the item.

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