May 8, 2020

Elsa Ortiz, Chair
Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: PPLC Agenda Item 5.1 – Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Request for 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Ortiz:

I am writing on behalf of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC), a business membership organization with nearly 500 members from a cross-section of private/public and non-profit industry sectors that employ nearly 20,000 workers. Ensuring that public dollars are wisely spent and that taxpayers receive a good return on their investment, while responsibly planning, funding, and maintaining and operating our transportation system is a key policy priority for LVCC.

LVCC supports the above referenced item, advancing the efforts to close the gap in the I-580 corridor for an urgently needed and long-awaited, effective rail connection between Livermore and the Dublin/Pleasanton East BART station. I reiterate the support formerly expressed by LVCC over many years for planning and funding support for such a project. LVCC appreciates the wisdom of the leaders of the Alameda County Transportation Commission in designating significant funding in Measure BB (which was supported by LVCC) to provide for a future rail connection in this corridor. In light of events that have transpired since the approval of BB, your prudent actions necessary to amend the expenditure plan to accommodate the request by the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority is welcomed and appreciated. LVCC recognizes and strongly supports the efforts of the TVSJRRA to effectively deliver a rail connection project in this corridor within the next few years.

We look forward to moving forward with this initiative and this project, and stand ready to support you in this action.

Respectfully,
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CEO/President

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