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September 10, 2020

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

RE: **Support for ACTC Approval of Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) Amendment**

Dear Chair Cutter:

I again write to underscore strong support for the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority request to amend the 2014 Measure BB TEP. This action will directly benefit the taxpaying residents of the Tri-Valley, connect our Alameda County service work force, and importantly, it will create new jobs to stimulate our faltering economy. It will advance TOD plans currently underway at proposed stations – adding new and affordable housing units where they are needed most. It will also reduce congestion and improve safety on Interstate 580 – ranked as one of the Bay Area's most congested goods movement corridors that serves the Port of Oakland.

The time to take action is now as this action will help position this vital project for federal and state stimulus funds. The compelling project facts have all been clearly identified and after decades of studies that have exhaustively reviewed bus alternatives and virtually every imaginable alignment and mode option, there is simply no need for additional studies and delay with further consequential and wasteful cost escalation. This project meets the moment and the urgency of this moment is now as we position our County for economic recovery and support the needs of our vital, taxpaying work force.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to the advancement of these important project. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Your staff can also contact Brandon Bratcher at (916) 319-2016 or brandon.bratcher@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Assemblymember, 16th District

CC: Members of Alameda County Transportation Commission