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Hi Vanessa-

I hope you are staying healthy and safe. Considering that I cannot attend next Monday's PPLC meeting in person due to the SIP, please make sure my comments are read into the record for Public Comment as part of agenda item 5.1. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Thanks!

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Dear Chair Ortiz and Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, I respectfully request for the PPLC to support the Staff recommendation to amend the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan to 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. Our Committee worked to ensure that the Expenditure Plan included the fulfillment of plans dating back to the 1960's which envisioned a rail connection heading east from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station into Livermore. This vision was part of the plan approved by the voters of Alameda County. 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.

Four years later in May of 2018, the BART Board certified the BART to Livermore EIR but transferred the planning and construction of passenger rail in the I-580 corridor of the Tri-Valley to the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Rail Authority. The Authority has since 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 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 that will benefit the environment, the economy and the quality of life of residents and

Bay Area workers. 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 project. By transferring the funding in Measure BB to Valley Link, it would also be consistent with the original intent and vision of Measure BB for rail connectivity in the Tri-Valley, and I urge the Committee to approve the item.

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