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Re: Comments on ACTC 2014 Measure BB Expenditure Plan Amendment

Dear Chair Cutter:

I am pleased to support the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority request to amend the 2014 TEP to replace the BART to Livermore project with the Valley Link rail project.

The project is an excellent example of mega-regional cooperation to facilitate the construction of key infrastructure improvements and leveraging different funding resources to enable more frequent passenger rail serve between the Central Valley, the Tri-Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area; provide connectivity to other transit providers, provide service between housing and job centers, and facilitate the movement of goods.

- The Stockton Diamond Grade Separation project facilitates the Phase 2 Valley Link connectivity to Stockton, will enable ACE to dispatch more passenger trains, and eliminates a choke point for fright movement on Union Pacific and BNSF rail lines.
- Valley Link will provide local service to several communities in the Tri-Valley and Central Valley while ACE provides express service to transit hubs in Alameda and Santa Clara counties.
- Union City looks forward to ACE providing service to Union City BART and our Station District.
- Greenhouse gas generation and Vehicle Miles Traveled will be reduced when automobile commuters are provided a rail alternative and additional rail capacity becomes available to automobile commuters.
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policies along the Valley Link Corridor will mirror MTC Resolution 3434 policies to exceed 2,200 housing units within ½ mile radius of stations.

I look forward to supporting projects that leverage funding sources to benefit multiple rail providers and provide seamless connectivity to transit hubs.

Sincerely,

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