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RE: Item 8.1 - Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Request

Chair Cutter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced item. On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), I would like to express support for beginning a 45-day comment period on the proposed amendment to the 2014 Measure BB funded TEP, as described in the staff memorandum.

In May 2018, the BART Board of Directors certified the Final Project EIR for the BART to Livermore extension, and directed staff not to advance a specific project in the Tri-Valley. Pursuant to AB 758 (Baker), the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRA) at that point assumed responsibility to advance a rail project in the corridor. Since then, BART staff have been engaged with the TVSJVRRA throughout project feasibility and initial design and environmental assessments of the proposed Valley Link Rail project, and this coordination continues.

Because of this, BART supports the action to begin the public comment period for the amendment to the TEP naming the TVSJVRRA as an eligible recipient of Measure BB funds and specifically naming the Valley Link project in place of BART to Livermore. It is important to hear from Alameda County residents and other stakeholders. The District anticipates submitting a more detailed set of comments during the official 45-day comment period that this action will kick-off.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Powers
General Manager