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September 22, 2020

The Honorable Pauline Cutter, Chair
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
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Dear Chair Cutter:

Subject: Support for ACTC Approval of Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment

As a business owner within the jurisdiction of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), I write to strongly support approval of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) request to amend the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). The TEP amendment will acknowledge the Authority as a new agency in Alameda County that can be an eligible recipient of Measure BB funds and update the TEP by adding Valley Link for the $400 million Measure BB funding identified for the BART to Livermore project. This action will fulfill a commitment made to the Tri-Valley to advance rail connectivity to Livermore and support our economy by providing our Bay Area work force with a chance to have safe and affordable choices about where they can live and work.

The Tri-Valley is a thriving Bay Area job center - with two national labs and it is the headquarter location of more than 450 technology companies. It has a regional gross domestic product (GDP) of an estimated $42 billion. The quality of life it affords its residents is a large part of its competitive advantage – but growing congestion and skyrocketing Bay Area housing costs put this all at risk. An estimated 93,400 Bay Area workers are now living in Northern San Joaquin County, commuting daily through the Altamont in their cars.

Valley Link will provide an estimated 33,000 daily rides on the 42-mile, 7-station system in 2040. This will result in the reduction of over 99.4 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the reduction of an estimated 32,220 to 42,650 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. In addition, through the Board-adopted TOD Policy, Valley Link will support the advancement of transit-oriented development adjacent to its stations, which will further reduce VMT and greenhouse

emissions within the station environs.

We urge approval of the Authority's Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment. This action will ensure that this vital project moves forward and that commitments to the Tri-Valley are long last met.

Sincerely,

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