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July 2, 2020

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

Dear Chair Cutter:

Subject: Support for ACTC Action to allocate $400 million in Measure BB funds to the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for the Valley Link Project

San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) is a project partner and member of the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority). The Authority is requesting that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) take action to allocate $400 million Measure BB funding to the Valley Link Project that is currently identified for the BART to Livermore Project. This action is consistent with Assembly Bill 758 (AB 758), the Authority's enabling legislation. This action will fulfill a commitment made to the Tri-Valley to advance rail connectivity to Livermore. It will also support an intermodal connection between ACE and the BART system and the advancement of the Altamont Corridor Vision.

The Authority was created in 2017 by AB 758 for the purpose of planning, developing and delivering cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between BART and the ACE commuter rail service in the Tri-Valley that reflects regional consensus and meets the goals and objectives of the San Joaquin Valley and Tri-Valley communities. Valley Link will benefit the entire Tri-Valley by reducing traffic over the Altamont Pass and through the 580/680 corridor. An estimated 98,500 Bay Area workers are now living in Northern San Joaquin County, commuting daily through the Altamont in their cars. An estimated 28,000 are projected to ride the Valley Link system in 2040. This will result in the reduction of over 99.4 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the reduction of over 33,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

SJRRC urges approval of the ACTC Action to allocate $400 million in Measure BB funds to the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for the Valley Link Project. This action will ensure that the Valley Link project moves forward and it supports the Altamont Corridor Vision that SJRRC and the Authority are diligently working jointly to advance.

Sincerely,

Christina Fugazi, Chair
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Cc: Alameda County Transportation Commission members
Tess Lengyel, ACTC Executive Director
Stacey Mortensen, SJRRC Executive Director
Michael Tree, Authority Executive Director