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The Honorable Pauline Cutter, Chair
Alameda County Transportation Commission
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Via Email: vlee@alamedactc.org

Subject: Support for 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment – Valley Link

Dear Chair Cutter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) discussed and approved the request from the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority's (TVSJVRRA) request for an amendment of the 2014 Measure BB transportation Expenditure Plan on May 28, 2020. The amendment proposes to complete several actions: 1) recognize the TVSJVRRA as a new agency that is eligible to receive Measure BB funds; 2) Replace the BART to Livermore project with the Valley Link project and retain the $400 million in Measure BB funding for the Valley Link project.

The City of Pleasanton strongly supports the amendment to the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan. As stated in the City's previous letter dated May 26th, 2020, the Valley Link Project will complete the regional rail concept initially envisioned for the Tri-Valley decades ago. The TVSJVRRA was created in 2017 to expedite the planning, development and construction of a rail service that connects BART to the Altamont Commuter Express. Valley Link not only benefits the Tri-Valley in creating regional mobility and reducing traffic along the 580 corridor; the project will connect San Joaquin County to the Bay Area servicing up to 28,000 riders per day.

The congestion reduction also provides numerous environmental benefits. Valley Link will reduce GHG emissions, pursue renewable energy sources, strive to attain 100 percent self-sufficiency, and apply global best practices to design and construct sustainable infrastructure. Valley Link will reduce GHG emissions by 24,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually in

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2025, and 33,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually in 2040. The vehicle technology will provide additional environmental benefits by using Multiple Units featuring hybrid technology with the ability to convert to a fully-electric operation in the future.

Valley Link will also support the advancement of Transit Oriented Development by supporting MTC's Plan Bay Area; having four PDAs located along the Valley Link alignment will support more than 2,200 homes, all located within ½ mile of the stations. Housing and jobs in these areas will be within walking distance to regular Valley Link service, providing access throughout the day in both directions, and connecting with the Bay Area's BART system.

The project meets the vision and goals of Measure BB by expanding regional rail, providing traffic relief, improving air quality by providing clean transportation. The City of Pleasanton is encouraged by the TVSJVRRA's progress on the Valley Link Project and looks forward to the approval of the use of the Measure BB funds to assist in the completion of this vital project.

Sincerely,

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