Sept. 23, 2020

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

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 major employer in the Tri-Valley for more than 65 years, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has witnessed first-hand the massive growth this region has experienced over the past several decades. From the East Bay hills to the Central Valley, the region's expansion has supported thriving, desirable communities, made it a jobs center, and contributed significantly to the industrial ecosystem of the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

As you well know, this growth has placed a significant burden on the transportation corridors serving the region. The I-580 corridor, in particular, is expected to become only more congested in the future with personal and commercial vehicle traffic. Along with its Tri-Valley community partners, Lawrence Livermore has been encouraged by the progress of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) and its forward-thinking goal of establishing Valley Link through the I-580 corridor. This new service would be a tremendous addition to the transportation options of the region, reducing vehicle traffic, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and saving resources, among other benefits.

Livermore Laboratory understands that the Commission will be considering approval of an Authority request to amend the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), which will acknowledge the Authority as a new agency in Alameda

County that can be an eligible recipient of Measure BB funds. More importantly, it will update the TEP by adding Valley Link for the $400 million Measure BB funding identified for the BART to Livermore project.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory joins its Tri-Valley community partners in urging the Commission's approval of the Authority's Request for a 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

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