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September 10, 2020

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

I am writing to encourage you to support the Tri-Valley–San Joaquin Valley Regional Authority's (Authority) request to amend the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). The TEP amendment will acknowledge the Authority as an agency eligible for Measure BB funds and move the $400 million of Measure BB funding identified for the BART to Livermore project to Valley Link. To achieve our region's goals for the economy, the environment, housing and transportation, we need a robust and sustainable passenger rail system. I believe that Valley Link is important for the future of our region.

In 2017, the California State Legislature created the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority to plan, develop and deliver cost-effective transit connectivity between the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) rapid transit system and the Altamont Corridor Express' (ACE) commuter rail service. In 2018, they adopted the Valley Link project as the prepared alternative.

Valley Link is an opportunity to deliver a fast and efficient inter-regional rail service, connecting people, housing and jobs in the Northern California region and providing much needed congestion relief in one of the Bay Area's most congested corridors. Currently, there are over 98,500 daily commuters, traveling an estimated 78 minutes each way. By 2040, overall traffic is estimated to increase by 75% on I-580.

Valley Link will expand Bay Area rail access from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to additional destinations in the Tri-Valley, including stations at Isabel Ave/I-580 in Livermore and Greenville Road/I-580 in Livermore. In addition, it will connect the Tri-Valley and Bay Area with communities in Northern San Joaquin Valley, with stations in Mountain House, Tracy and River Islands.

Valley Link has widespread support throughout the community. In addition, their environmental clearance is nearly complete and their targeted revenue service date is set for 2027.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to the advancement of this important project.

Respectfully,

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CC: Tess Lengyel, Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), Executive Director