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October 24, 2022

The Honorable Alfredo Pedroza, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco CA 94105-2066

**RE: Support for Valley Link as a Project Priority in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP)**

Dear Chair Pedroza,

San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) is pleased to provide this letter to strongly support the inclusion of the Valley Link rail transit project as a Level 2 priority in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP). A robust, reliable, and sustainable transportation system that will equitably serve our residents and work force with a better quality of life and access to jobs, affordable housing, educational opportunities and health care facilities is needed to achieve megaregional goals. Valley Link connects with, and complements SJRRRC's expanded Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service and is very important to the future of our megaregion.

The Valley Link initial operating segment (IOS) between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and the Mountain House station, including the Isabel and South Front Street stations in Livermore, will connect tens of thousands of workers to the Tri-Valley at the center of the Northern California Megaregion - one of the fastest growing and economically robust areas in the state of California. Valley Link will increase the megaregional housing supply through the advancement of transit-oriented development at stations along the corridor including at the Isabel and Southfront Valley Link stations in Livermore as well as the Mountain House station in San Joaquin County.

Valley Link is leading innovation with a vision to be a model of environmental and economic sustainability connecting the Northern California megaregion with self-produced green hydrogen and a hydrogen fuel production facility able to support other transit and heavy truck operators. In addition to the use of zero emissions vehicle and green energy production technologies, the Valley Link Board-adopted Sustainability Policy identifies implementing strategies to achieve a zero emissions system through innovation station access.

Valley Link improvements supports the equitable and sustainable future of the Bay Area and the megaregion it is intrinsically a part of. SJRRC urges you to prioritize this transformational project in MTC's Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP). MTC support for this project has significant impact on the Bay Area economy and the transportation investment equity of the tens of thousands of Bay Area workers now commuting daily from their homes in recognized disadvantaged and low-income communities in the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Leavitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "Leavitt" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Leavitt  
Manager of Regional Initiatives