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On behalf of BART and the New Transbay Rail Crossing program, I write in support of including the NTRC in Plan Bay Area 2050. As you know, the NTRC is a generational, megaregional program that knits together the many rail systems throughout the region into a coherent, seamless rail network. Although COVID has called into question the future of transit, we remain confident that the Bay Area's resiliency and ingenuity will allow us to rebound and the need for fast, affordable and convenient transit service will continue to grow.

As MTC's analysis has shown, the NTRC is a critical project in meeting the Bay Area's mandated air quality and VMT reduction goals. Moreover, the program is designed to increase the capacity, resilience and redundancy for BART and Capitol Corridor and this will greatly enhance the customer experience for our passengers. The program will also maximize the public investments already made by the region in existing rail projects and makes future, smaller rail projects more viable by linking them to a larger network. In addition, the NTRC will connect areas with more affordable housing with higher quality jobs, improving access and equity for all residents.

For these reasons and more, we believe the NTRC is critical to the region's continued economic growth and prosperity.

Thank you for your continued support of the NTRC in Plan Bay Area 2050.

Sincerely,

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