



March 12, 2019

Scott Haggerty, Chairman
Board of Directors
Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100
Livermore, CA 94551

Dear Chairman Haggerty & Board Members:

As members of the Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance (TVCCA), we are writing to express our support for the proposed Valley Link rail project that is being developed by the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority. TVCCA is a collaboration of the Danville, Dublin, Livermore Valley, Pleasanton and San Ramon Chambers of Commerce representing over 3,000 member businesses and organizations employing nearly 90,000 workers.

We are disappointed that the Bay Area Rapid Transit rail extension project into Livermore failed. However, after more than 40 years of waiting, local businesses in every sector welcome the prospect of the arrival of a direct rail connection to BART service in the Tri-Valley. The future rail connection opens up opportunities for workers, jobs, housing and visitors in multiple regions and will be a game-changer for the economy and the environment.

Efficiently moving people and goods throughout the region is a major factor affecting Tri-Valley communities and beyond. TVCCA members support local, regional, state and federal initiatives that plan, fund and deliver transportation projects and programs needed to sustain a strong economy, including the proposed Valley Link project. We support and appreciate, ongoing investments in the Tri-Valley segments of I-580, I-680 and SR 84 highway corridors that are highly utilized by workers, residents and visitors. However, a rail connection in the Tri-Valley effectively linking the Bay Area region to neighboring Central Valley regions is still urgently needed. In spite of economic cycles, for decades we have experienced chronic traffic congestion in these corridors. It is only a matter of the severity of the pain that must be endured each day as workers, residents, visitors and goods traverse these corridors during increasingly lengthy peak commute peak periods. We believe that a rail link is the last major effective transportation improvement that remains to be deployed in the I-580 corridor. Fortunately, Tri-Valley leaders had the foresight to lay the legislative groundwork in preparation for this future rail connection.

The TVCCA is committed to supporting this project as it undergoes the rigors of planning and funding. The implementation of an affordable rail connection in the Tri-Valley will have a positive long-term return on investment benefitting Tri-Valley and neighboring regions.

Sincere thanks to the members of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for your leadership and to the communities you represent for their commitment to delivering a transportation asset that will be key to supporting a sustainably strong economy for generations.

Respectfully,

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