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**Re: Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program Inclusion in FASTER Bay Area**

Dear Jim, Carl, Alicia, Jo Ann and Ann:

Hacienda is located near the geographic center of the San Francisco Bay Area and, at 875 acres, is the largest development of its kind in Northern California. Over 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space is occupied by some 700 companies that locally employ over 20,000 people. Key tenants include Kaiser Permanente, Oracle, Roche Molecular Systems and Gap who have all made substantive investments in their presence within Hacienda. In addition, Hacienda features homes to nearly 6,000 residents with additional plans to further develop the project as a premier mixed-use transit-oriented location. Our facilities thrive because of the state-of-the-art working and living environments that have been developed which are in large part due to an ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive approaches to commute choices and community development.

Hacienda is pleased to provide this letter in strong support of the inclusion of \$1.9 billion for the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvements Program as part of FASTER Bay Area. It is our understanding the Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, SPUR, and TransForm are working in partnership to have FASTER Bay Area on the November 2020 ballot for Bay Area voters.

The Altamont Corridor that connects the San Joaquin Valley to Hacienda and the Bay Area is one of the most heavily traveled, most congested, and fastest growing corridors in the Northern California megaregion. The Bay Area Council estimates that congestion will increase an additional 75% in the area between 2016 and 2040. To achieve state and regional environmental and economic development goals, a robust passenger rail alternative is needed in the Altamont Corridor that: increases mobility, provides a sustainable transportation option, enhances connectivity, and improves the quality of life through stronger linkages to jobs, educational opportunities and health care facilities. The Altamont Corridor Vision accomplishes this and more with the Phase 1 Improvement Program providing an important starting point to addressing these critical regional needs.

The Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program is the result of a partnership between San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Altamont Corridor Express [ACE]), Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link), and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (San Joaquins). The Bay Area improvements of this Phase 1 Program include \$1.1 billion for the implementation of 8.6-miles of new alignment through the Altamont Pass between Greenville Road and the San Joaquin County Line to be used by both ACE and Valley Link services. This new alignment through the Altamont Pass would include a 3.5 mile tunnel and enable speeds up to 125 mph which translates into decreased train travel times through the Altamont Pass by 11 - 15 minutes. Bay Area Phase 1 improvements also include \$600 million to fund equipment and the additional infrastructure needed to complete the Valley Link service between Dublin/Pleasanton BART at its current terminus in Hacienda and Livermore. In the near-term, the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority anticipates running 25 Valley Link daily round-trips between Dublin/Pleasanton BART and North Lathrop Transfer Station in San Joaquin County. In addition, Phase 1 also includes \$200 million for new ACE equipment and Bay Area station and alignment improvements for two additional ACE round-trips between the San Joaquin Valley and San Jose.

The Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program will provide safe, frequent, and reliable regional rail service by modernizing passenger rail in the Altamont Corridor. The vastly improved infrastructure through the Altamont Pass would be separated from freight, double tracked, grade separated, and enable fast and frequent service. The Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program is the first step towards the completion of the Altamont Corridor Vision which is consistent with the 2018 State Rail Plan, 2007 MTC Regional Rail Plan, MTC Resolution 3829 from 2007, and the CHSRA's Altamont Corridor Rail Project. The Altamont Corridor Phase 1 Improvement Program would:

- substantially increase regional rail ridership in the Altamont (I-580/I-680) Corridor;
- reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and air pollution emissions by diverting trips that would have previously been taken by an automobile;
- reduce congestion on some of the Bay Area's most congested freeways (I-580/I-680 Corridor); and
- promote transit-oriented development throughout the Altamont Corridor including the furtherance of the mixed-use, transit-oriented program of development already in place at Hacienda.

The transformative Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program will also have an important positive effect on the Northern California Megaregion's underserved priority and rural communities by providing a convenient and inexpensive alternative to the rising costs of the automobile and single occupant vehicle commuting. Connecting these San Joaquin Valley communities to Hacienda and other large Bay Area economic centers would increase safe and affordable transportation options between these communities. The Vision would also foster more compact and sustainable growth, providing access to affordable housing and a chance to rebalance the job centers equitably.

We are pleased to provide this letter of strong support of the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program to be included as part of FASTER Bay Area to help move the Bay Area and the Northern California Megaregion forward. Hacienda believes that this program presents an important opportunity to strengthen the relationship between employment, living and transit. Fulfilling this promise will make a significant contribution to improving the quality of life and commutes in Hacienda and the Tri-Valley.

Sincerely,



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