

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Haggerty at 2:00pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

**Members Present**

Chair Scott Haggerty, Alameda County  
Vice Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy  
Director Bob Elliott, San Joaquin County (departed at 3:36pm)  
Director Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton  
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore  
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House  
Director Philip O'Loane, City of San Ramon  
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville  
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin (arrived at 2:05pm)  
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop  
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART (arrived at 2:11pm)  
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE (departed at 3:15pm)

**Members Absent**

Director Debby Moorhead, City of Manteca  
Director Bob Woerner (Livermore), LAVTA  
Director Sol Jobrack, City of Stockton

3. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Board on any issues not listed on the agenda that are within the purview of the Authority. Comments on matters that are listed on the agenda may be made at the time the Board is considering each item. Time limits on public comments may be established by the Chair.

No public comments.

4. Approve Minutes of April 10, 2019 and May 15, 2019 Board of Directors Meetings – **ACTION**

Approved: Stepper/Marchand

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Stepper, Zuber, O'Loane, Tingle, Haggerty, Thorne

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Woerner, Hernandez, McPartland

5. Executive Director's Report – **INFORMATION**

[Director Melissa Hernandez, from City of Dublin, arrived during Executive Director's Report.]

Executive Director Michael Tree provided an oral briefing on the Executive Director's Report to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree mentioned the Valley Link promotional videos are uploaded to our website and stated they can be used freely either on social media, with a friend, event, etc. Executive Director Michael Tree updated on advocacy and marketing. Vox Populi has also been busy with meetings in Sacramento promoting and trying to find options for the funding gaps. It was noted that the funding viewpoint in Sacramento is evolving this year with less funding

likely for TIRCP program. The TIRCP program two years ago let out \$2.6 billion in project funding throughout the state of California and is projected this year that only \$400 to \$500 million will be awarded. It's an indication of how the anticipation of funding by the state in the fall has changed significantly, which will impact the Valley Link project and how the Authority moves forward. Executive Director Michael Tree also noted finalizing the draft Feasibility Report, briefings, presentations, and workshops.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

This was informational only.

6. Treasurer's Report – **ACTION**

[Director John McPartland, from BART, arrived during Treasurer's Report.]

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that starting in July the Treasurer's Report will be a new format that will include accounts that show amount of pre-paid revenue, amounts billed to other funding sources and not yet paid, and amounts due to Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA).

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements comparing the budgeted amounts approved at the December Board meeting to the expenses through the end of April 2019.

Approved: Zuber/Tingle

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Stepper, Zuber, O'Loane, Tingle, Haggerty, Thorne, Hernandez, McPartland

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Woerner

7. Organization for Project Delivery – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Organization for Project delivery to the Board of Directors. AB 758 mandated that during the initial 18-month period LAVTA administrative staff would provide the Rail Authority the necessary administrative support. At the conclusion of the initial period, the board may select LAVTA or the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission to provide administrative support, or may alternatively hire an executive director for those functions. The 18-month period ends June 2019 and for purposes of responding to the Feasibility Report on questions the recommendation is for LAVTA to continue to provide support to the Rail Authority to keep the project moving forward, but the supporting agency could change in the future.

Richard Wolsfeld from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted the approved decisions made at past board meetings. Richard Wolsfeld gave an overview of three organizational models that were evaluated: Traditional, Blended, and Turnkey Variant. Over the next 60 days, the Rail Authority will evaluate the capacity of various entities (Authority, BART, ACE, SJRCC, etc.) to deliver and operate Valley Link and bring the analysis back to the Board in September

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

The Board of Directors approved to establish the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority as the entity to deliver the Valley Link transit connectivity, including planning, designing, financing, construction, operating, and the leasing, developing, or disposing of land, facilities, or equipment, necessary to deliver and operate Valley Link. The Board of Directors also approved the continued use of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority’s administrative staff to provide all necessary administrative support to the board to perform its duties and responsibilities.

Approved: McPartland/Vargas

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Stepper, Zuber, O’Loane, Tingle, Haggerty, Thorne, Hernandez, McPartland

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Woerner

8. Valley Link Project Feasibility Report – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided Valley Link Project Feasibility Report to the Board of Directors. AB 758 mandates that before July 1, 2019 the Rail Authority post a Project Feasibility Report on our website and that has been completed on June 7, 2019. Required upon approval by the board the report would be submitted to various agencies including MTC, BART Board, SJRCC Governing Board Commission, etc. The draft Feasibility Report will be open for public comment until the end of July 2019. At a subsequent Board meeting to the July deadline staff will bring back to the Board the comments received, the response that has been crafted, and the opportunity to consider a final Feasibility Report for distribution.

Diane Cowin from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation that noted the timeline and AB 758 Requirements. One requirement is to submit the Feasibility Report to MTC, BART, SJRCC, Policy Committees of Legislature and Transportation Agency after public comment. Part of the overview included chapters of the Feasibility Report and Diane Cowin highlighted specific items in each chapter for the Board of Directors.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Chair Scott Haggerty stated that today is a great day and thanked the Board, community, Assembly Member Catharine Baker, Assembly Member Susan Eggman, Dan Leavitt, ACE, BART district, Michael Tree, Marianne Payne, and all the Consultants. This project is about providing a better commute for many people and providing a quality of life for everyone else. Director Paul Akinjo thanked Chair Scott Haggerty for his leadership, as well as Vice Chair Veronica Vargas and Executive Director Michael Tree. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas thanked the Rail Authority staff, Consultants, Professor Deacon, community, and stated she is proud to serve next to Chair Scott Haggerty. Director John Marchand stated that this is a remarkable year and noted the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Continental Railroad that went through Livermore and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Livermore. Director John Marchand stated that this is a feasible project and will reactivate the alignment that was used 150 years ago to connect this region to the rest of the country and world. Director John Marchand also recognized Chair Scott Haggerty leadership. Director Bob Elliott thanked and congratulated everyone for their hard work and noted that this project has great potential to change commutes for many people traveling from the Central Valley to the Bay Area for work. Director Bob Elliott also urged collaboration with other agencies that are trying to improve commutes. Director Karen Stepper stated she is very happy to be serving with the Board and thanked everyone.

The Board of Directors approved the Valley Link Project Report and directed staff to distribute the report as directed by Public Utilities Code Section 132661, as adopted by Assemble Bill 758, and

- Provide a project feasibility report to the public, to be posted on the authority's Internet Web site, on the plans for the development and implementation of transit connectivity in the Tri-Valley region.
- Submit the report to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the governing board of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the governing board of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, the policy committees of each house of the Legislature with jurisdiction over transportation policy matters, and the Transportation Agency.

Approved: Vargas/O'Loane

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Stepper, Zuber, O'Loane, Tingle, Haggerty, Thorne, Hernandez, McPartland

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Woerner

Chair Scott Haggerty asked for public comment on this agenda item.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose resident, first congratulated the Board on their achievements. Mr. Lebrun also spoke regarding private partnerships, infrastructure, short line operators, and recommended building to Greenville utilizing a Request for Quote (RFQ).

Alice English, Tracy resident, congratulated Valley Link on the project and specifically acknowledged and thanked Marianne Payne, Bernice King Tingle, Vice Chair Veronica Vargas, Director Bob Elliott, and Chair Scott Haggerty.

Chris Chandler, Executive Director of Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, thanked the Board of Directors for their efforts and specifically acknowledged Director John Marchand and Chair Scott Haggerty.

9. Next Steps – **INFORMATION**

[Director Leo Zuber, from ACE and Bob Elliott, from San Joaquin County, departed during Next Steps.]

Diane Cowin from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation on Next Steps to the Board of Directors. Diane Cowin also highlighted the funding and finance goals, project and delivery, CEQA process and timeline, and NEPA requirements/Federal Actions and Strategies/Fast Act.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Chair Scott Haggerty and Vice Chair Veronica Vargas would like to remove the dotted line on the Project Schedule for the "Design/Construction" line item. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas acknowledged the former Tracy City Manager Randy Bradley and the new Tracy City Manager Jenny Haruyama.

Diane Cowin introduced guest speaker Elizabeth Deakin who provided the next steps in station area planning. Elizabeth Deakin discussed planning up to a mile to the station. A few elements the stations should have are good sidewalks (ADA compliant), shade trees, open environment (no walls),

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and complete streets with bike lanes. Elizabeth Deakin also highlighted different transit oriented development and informed that financing should come from user fees, private sector support, and government support.

This was informational only.

10. Directors' Discussion: Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests

Director Philip O'Loane stated people matter and this wouldn't have happened without the effort.

11. Next Meeting Date: July 10, 2019 at Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm.