



Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley
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ACTC Moves Toward \$400M for Valley Link Project

LIVERMORE, CA, June 1, 2020 – At their May 28 meeting, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) opened a 45-day comment period to consider actions requested from the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority that will pave the way for Valley Link to receive \$400 million that had previously been allocated for BART to Livermore.

The requested actions include several components:

- Acknowledge the rail authority as a new agency in Alameda County eligible to receive Measure BB funds from ACTC;
- Remove the BART to Livermore project and its associated \$400 million from the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan; and
- Add Valley Link to the expenditure plan with \$400 million in Measure BB funding

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who also serves on the Alameda County Transportation Commission and is the Regional Rail Authority's Chair said "The significance of this action cannot be overstated. The residents of the Tri-Valley have waited for more than half a century for the BART to Livermore extension that never happened. When this action is complete, almost 25 percent of the cost to build Valley Link will be secured and we will have taken a significant step to actually seeing rail transit service in Livermore and beyond."

Following the review of comments received during the 45-day comment period, ACTC is expected to consider the requested actions in September.

Phase 1 of the proposed Valley Link rail service would cover 42 miles connecting the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to the proposed ACE North Lathrop Station. A second phase would extend service from the North Lathrop Station to the ACE and Amtrak Stockton Station. Trains would be scheduled to allow for convenient transfers to BART. The first Valley Link trains could be placed in service as early as 2027.

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More about the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority was created by the California Legislature in 2017 with the passage of Assembly Bill 758, co-authored by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, R-San Ramon and Assemblywoman Susan Eggman, D-Stockton. The authority's primary purpose is to plan, develop and deliver cost-effective transit connectivity between the Northern Central Valley and the Bay Area, including connections with BART and ACE rail systems.

The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by its 15-member agencies, including: the Town of Danville, the cities of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop and Stockton, the Mountain House Community Services District, the counties of Alameda and San Joaquin, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE). The following page contains a list of the appointed board members.

Additional information on the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, is available at www.valleylinkrail.com.

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**Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Member Agencies and Board Appointees**

Member Agency

Appointee

Town of Danville	Mayor Karen Stepper
City of San Ramon	Councilmember Philip G. O’Loane
City of Dublin	Councilmember Melissa Hernandez
City of Pleasanton	Vice Mayor Kathy Narum
City of Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
City of Tracy	Councilmember Veronica Vargas (Vice Chair)
City of Manteca	Mayor Benjamin Cantu
City of Lathrop	Councilmember Paul Akinjo
City of Stockton	Councilmember Sol Jobrack
Mountain House	President Bernice Tingle
County of Alameda	Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Chair)
County of San Joaquin	Supervisor Bob Elliott
LAVTA	Boardmember Bob Woerner
BART	Director John McPartland
ACE	Vice Chair Leo Zuber