

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Haggerty at 2:02pm.

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 (arrived at 2:16pm)  
Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton  
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore  
Director Bob Woerner (Livermore), LAVTA  
Director Philip O'Loane, City of San Ramon  
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca  
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville  
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House  
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin  
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop  
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART  
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

**Members Absent**

Director Sol Jobrack, City of Stockton

Chair Scott Haggerty acknowledged and welcomed new Board Member Kathy Narum from the City of Pleasanton.

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.

Robert S. Allen, Livermore resident, spoke regarding gaining control of land that is owned by BART at Isabel and I-580 to use as a parking lot.

Chair Scott Haggerty requested a future discussion or dialog regarding the property Mr. Allen is referring to in public comment.

4. Approve Minutes of December 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting – **ACTION**

Chair Scott Haggerty informed that a Board Member would like the minutes to be worked on a little more and to bring them back to the February 12, 2020 Board meeting.

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

Roland Lebrun, San Jose resident, spoke regarding agenda item 16 of the December 11, 2019 minutes where it states "None" for comments and he believes that is incorrect. Mr. Lebrun believes

Chair Scott Haggerty gave direction to Valley Link staff to come back at a future date to revisit the bylaws in case the Chair and Vice Chair simultaneously resign.

Chair Scott Haggerty requested that the minutes of the December 11, 2019 Board of Directors be brought back to the February 12, 2020 meeting after being corrected where needed.

5. Treasurer's Report – **ACTION**

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2019.

Approved: Marchand/Cantu

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack

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

Executive Director Michael Tree provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted briefings, FASTER Bay Area, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant, Measure BB and Expenditure Plan, negotiations with AECOM toward potential contract amendment to complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Consultant David Kutrosky. Executive Director Michael Tree introduced David Kutrosky to the Board of Directors and informed that he is working with Lisa Cobb on the Authority's project team within the LTK contract. Executive Director Michael Tree also gave an overview of briefings that were held with Bay Area caucus policy makers to discuss FASTER Bay Area, Valley Link, and the Altamont Corridor Vision. A briefing with Chad Edison was also held to discuss a project update and the TIRCP Grant. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that staff is involved with a FASTER Bay Area Technical Advisory Group and an expenditure plan is being put together with the hopes it is approved by legislature and then placed on the 2020 ballot. Executive Director Michael Tree noted that staff is working jointly with ACE service policy makers on the TIRCP Grant application and getting it ready for a January 16, 2020 submittal. Executive Director Michael Tree explained that Alameda CTC is working on the Measure BB Expenditure Plan Amendment. Rail staff is currently negotiating with AECOM on a potential contract amendment. Lastly, Executive Director Michael Tree pointed out that staff is working on a proposed legislation amendment to Assembly Bill (AB) 758 and requested Legal Counsel Michael Conneran to provide a brief update on amendments. Legal Counsel Michael Conneran stated that there would be two changes to the statute: (1) Clarify the fact the agency is exempt from local building and zoning laws in regard to the construction around its system; (2) Exempt this agency from the prohibition law, so we can do a Design, Build, Operate, and Maintain contract.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors.

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

Roland Lebrun, San Jose resident, provided his opinion that FASTER is not likely to happen in 2020.

This was informational only.

7. TOD Update – **INFORMATION**

Chair Scott Haggerty informed that he believed this to be the first Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project in San Joaquin County. Chair Scott Haggerty also acknowledged Veronica Vargas for how she has championed this effort. Chair Scott Haggerty thanked the City of Tracy for developing the plan to meet the Rail Authority's TOD policy and The City of Livermore for their Isabel Neighborhood Plan.

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas acknowledged City of Tracy Director of Planning Bill Dean and then requested him to provide a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors regarding the City of Tracy Downtown TOD Project. Bill Dean described the Downtown TOD Project and what will be included in the study: planning concept, implementation strategy, and the planning process. Bill Dean informed that the Downtown TOD project kicked off in July 2019 with Stakeholder interviews in October 2019 and Community Workshops in November 2019. In February 2020, the Downtown TOD Study will go to the City of Tracy Planning Commission to be discussed and by March 2020 the final Downtown TOD Study will go to the City of Tracy City Council meeting. Bill Dean also discussed concepts the project is exploring, existing land use, opportunity sites, and next steps.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors.

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

There were no public comments.

This was informational only.

8. Valley Link Project Update and Schedule – **INFORMATION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided a brief overview of the project challenges and explained that they will bring back a budget amendment at a future meeting. Executive Director Michael Tree requested Diane Cowin from AECOM to provide a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors regarding a Valley Link project update and schedule. Diane Cowin gave a CEQA update informing the Board of Directors that the PSR-PDS was submitted to Caltrans in August 2019 and that the PA&ED process will start in 2020. It was noted that Caltrans pays for their own review and approval process with PA&ED, so our budget is likely to not be effected. Diane Cowin explained that based on the October 2019 Feasibility, 15% design adjustments need to be made. Diane Cowin informed that 2025 Operational Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions are an impact if the train uses Greenville as a minimal operating segment. GHG Emissions are a benefit if the train proceeds to Mountain House as a minimal operating segment. Diane Cowin pointed out that with increased GHG Emissions Greenville would be challenging in many ways (especially funding) and Mountain House is the better option for an early operating segment. Diane Cowin discussed ridership and stated the possibility of 12-minute headway service throughout Phase 1 and explained that infrastructure would need to be adjusted to have more sidings, longer sidings, or double tracks. Diane Cowin also noted Valley Link transfer platform options at the BART station and Valley Link capacity demand on BART trains using 12/12 and 12/24 headways by year 2025 and 2040. Diane Cowin showed the Board of Directors a new schedule that still allows for an opening in the year 2027-2028. The draft EIR will be published in Fall 2020, public comment period in Fall 2020, and the Final EIR will be in Winter 2020.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors.

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

Roland Lebrun, San Jose resident, spoke regarding platform stacking option, how eBART transfers between stations, and suggested placing fuel cells and batteries in the CEQA document.

This was informational only.

9. Draft 24-month Budget – **INFORMATION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors regarding the 24-month budget. In 2018, MTC provided the Rail Authority an allocation of \$10.2 million to complete the CEQA and 15% and 30% design. That work was anticipated to be completed by 2019, but the Rail Authority is running behind do to additional work to be accomplished in order to complete CEQA. Executive Director Michael Tree provided the background information on the 2018 budget and then briefly mentioned potential contract amendments. Executive Director presented the draft 24-month budget that totals \$19.7 million with the following breakdown: Activities and Deliverables totaling \$8.9 million, Project Support/Management totaling \$8.2 million, and Contingency (15%) totaling \$2.6 million. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that staff will refine the draft budget amounts after doing independent cost estimates on Activities and Deliverables. In closing, Executive Director Michael Tree explained the sharing costs per the Feasibility Report approximately 75% (\$14,758,500) of the total project costs (capital) are in Alameda County/MTC and 25% (\$4,919,500) are in San Joaquin County/SJCOG.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors.

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

There were no public comments.

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

None.

11. Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2020 at Tracy City Hall, City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.