



Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley  
**REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY**

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### **MTC Approves Funding to Keep Valley Link Project On-Track**

**LIVERMORE, CA, June 30, 2020** – At their June 24 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) unanimously approved an allocation of \$46.8 million in AB1171 Bridge Toll funds to the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for the Valley Link project. The funds will be used to complete remaining activities needed to prepare the project for final design and construction, including preliminary engineering, federal environmental clearance and coordination with Caltrans and other partner agencies. Previous MTC allocations totaling just over \$13 million went to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and conceptual design work on the project that is now nearing completion.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who serves as Chair of both MTC and the Regional Rail Authority said, “This funding will keep our project on track and get us closer to shovel ready. I credit the MTC Commissioners for recognizing the urgent need for this project and, on behalf of the 98,500 Bay Area workers who travel through the Altamont Pass each day, I thank them for their unanimous vote in support of the project.”

The proposed 42-mile, 7-station Valley Link project will connect the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to the planned North Lathrop ACE intermodal station. It is estimated that the project will generate an estimated 22,000 jobs during construction and when operational support 400 jobs per year with labor income of over \$19 million per year and \$69 million in business sales annually. An estimated 28,000 passengers are projected to ride the 42-mile, 7-station system in 2040 – resulting in the reduction of over 99.4 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the reduction of over 33,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

Said Haggerty, “Valley Link is vital to our environment and the quality of life in our communities – and now, more than ever, more vital to our economy given the recovery needs we are now facing. It will create jobs, support our work force and for many offer a chance to have a safe and affordable choice about where they can live and work.”

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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 Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) rapid transit system and the Altamont Corridor Express' (ACE) commuter rail service.

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](http://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