



Tri-Valley ▲ San Joaquin Valley
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting Packet

April 10, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Livermore Public Library Community Room

1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore 94550



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AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Livermore Public Library Community Room
1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Heritage House
4501 Pleasanton Ave.
Pleasanton CA

Gallery Meeting Room 1st Floor
Kimpton George Hotel, 15 E Street NW
Washington, DC

Ripon City Hall
259 N. Wilma Ave.
Ripon CA

MEETING PROCEDURE

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum
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.
4. Consent Agenda – **ACTION**
Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:
 - a. Minutes of February 14, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
 - b. Treasurer’s Report for January 2024
 - c. Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
 - d. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment 2
5. Approve Resolution R01-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager – **ACTION**
6. Approve Resolution R02-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Extend the Agreement for Regional Advocacy Services – **ACTION**
7. Approve Resolution R03-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Financial Auditing Services – **ACTION**
8. Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Update – **INFORMATION**
9. Station Area Planning and Local Agency Agreements Update – **INFORMATION**
10. Executive Director’s Report – **INFORMATION**
11. Directors’ Discussion – Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests
12. Upcoming Meeting Details – The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024 at Mountain House Chambers, 251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391
13. Adjourn

AGENDA

ITEM 4 A



Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Minutes of Board meeting on February 14, 2024

Mountain House Board Chambers
251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 2:03 p.m. Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Oath of Office – Director Rickman, Supervisor for San Joaquin, swore in new directors; John McPartland, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton.

2. Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum

Members Present - In-Person

Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE
Director John McPartland, BART
Director David Haubert, Alameda County
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore
Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca
Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin
Director David Hudson, San Ramon

Members Present - Remote

Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Julie Testa, LAVTA
Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton
Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy (*joined during item #5*)

3. Public Comments

Public comments were heard from Dotty Nygard.

4. Consent Agenda – ACTION

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of December 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Treasurer's Reports for Q4 – (October to December 2023)

There was no public comment.

Motion: Marchand/Zuber

Aye: Akinjo, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Marchand, McPartland, Nibert, Nuño, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bedolla

Motion Passed

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5. State Legislative Update – Information

Executive Director Kevin Sheridan gave the floor to State Legislative Advocate, Gus Khouri. Khouri updated the board on legislative action taking place in Sacramento that would affect the Valley Link project and courses of action for the next legislative session. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

6. Update on Environmental Review – Information

Marianne Payne, Director of Policy, Planning and Environmental, gave a presentation on the 22-mile alignment and proposed stations. Payne acknowledged that the project reached a major milestone having its Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) document submitted to FTA for review. Staff is working with the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) on their comments. In January the Authority hosted FTA staff, including FTA-Region 9 Director, Chief Legal Counsel, and environmental staff, on a project alignment tour. Payne advised the board of upcoming SEIR public hearings and gave an update on the newly engaged Equity Community Engagement. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

7. Executive Director’s Report- Information

Sheridan turned the mic over to Bill O’Hair, Director of Rail Engineering, Construction & Operations, made a detailed presentation on hydrogen vehicle options and advancements. Staff have also engaged with various manufacturers like Stadler, Siemens and Alstom. O’Hair and Deputy Director Wil Ridder gave an overview of a field visit they took to Arrow Line Maintenance Facility in San Bernadino and lessons learned by other transit agencies engaging in similar activities. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Tejdeep Rattan.

8. Director’s Discussion

There was no discussion.

9. Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) (Existing Litigation):
Alameda County Taxpayers' Association et al. v. Tri-Valley–San Joaquin Valley Regional
Rail Authority et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG2111026

10. Reconvene to OPEN SESSION

There was nothing to report.

11. Upcoming Meeting Details

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned without any objections at 3.32 p.m.

AGENDA

ITEM 4 B





Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley
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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report
FROM: Tamara Edwards, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Board accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2024.

Background/Discussion

The Treasurer's Report show all expenses and revenues for the month(s) stated above, as well as the year-to-date totals.

The fund balance reflected on both the balance sheet and the expense report is the difference between the revenue received and the expenses. As the Rail Authority's funding is all on a reimbursement basis this will be reflected as a negative amount (expenses higher than revenues) until year end when accruals are done, at which time the fund balance will be zero. Additionally, as all the Rail Authority's funding is on a reimbursement basis LAVTA continues to provide the cash flow for the Rail Authority which is reflected in the funds due to LAVTA line item.

Attachments:

1. January 2024 Treasurer's Report

ATTACHMENT 1



Tri-Valley San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING:
January 31, 2024

ASSETS:

106 MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	1,567,107
107 CD	3,000,000
108 CASH-GENERAL CHECKING	608,010
120 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	(282)
150 PREPAID EXPENSES	0
111 NET PROPERTY COSTS	8,263

TOTAL ASSETS	5,183,099
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LIABILITIES:

205 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	176,654
20501 DUE TO LAVTA	2,929,055
22110 PAYROLL CLEARING	0
211 PRE-PAID REVENUE	4,988,858
22000 FIT	(1,257)
22010 SIT	(866)
22020 FICA	(6,638)
22030 SDI	0
22090 Worker's Comp	18,314
22100 457	404

TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,104,525
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FUND BALANCE:

301 FUND RESERVE	0
304 GRANTS, DONATIONS, PAID-IN CAPITAL	0
30401 SALE OF BUSES & EQUIPMENT	0
FUND BALANCE	(2,921,426)

TOTAL FUND BALANCE	-2,921,426
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	5,183,099
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Tri-Valley San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority
REVENUE REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING:
January 31, 2024

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BALANCE AVAILABLE	PERCENT BUDGET EXPENDED
	MTC-Bridge Tolls	22,401,750	1,543,889	1,788,946	20,612,804	8.0%
	State Budget Act of 2022	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	0.0%
	Interest	-	0	67,246	(67,246)	
	Alameda County/Strategic Development	0	0	0		
	TOTAL REVENUE	27,401,750	1,543,889	1,856,193	25,545,557	6.8%

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority
EXPENDITURE REPORT
January 31, 2024

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BALANCE AVAILABLE	PERCENT BUDGET EXPENDED
Direct Labor and Benefits						
	Executive Director	255,000	26,640	200,534	54,466	78.64%
	Deputy Executive Director	250,000	20,875	155,447	94,553	62.18%
	Administrative Assistant	90,000	9,795	76,582	13,418	85.09%
	Finance Director	42,609	0	10,500	32,109	24.64%
	Manager of Policy, Planning, and Environmental	235,000	18,553	138,054	96,946	58.75%
	Rail Engineering, and Construction Project Manager	240,000	19,946	148,490	91,510	61.87%
	Employee Benefits	185,641	4,251	32,285	153,356	17.39%
	TOTAL - Direct Labor	1,298,250	100,058	761,892	536,358	58.69%
Consultants/seconded staff						
	General Engineering Consultants	20,000,000	1,153,977	2,989,237	17,010,763	14.95%
	AECOM	3,500,000	0	480,481	3,019,519	13.73%
	Program Management Support Services	1,000,000	64,764	266,910	733,090	26.69%
	Hydrogen Proof of Concept	-	0	0	0	
	Temporary Clerical Help	50,000	3,613	15,796	34,204	31.59%
	Financial Advisory Services	150,000	0	0	150,000	0.00%
	Government Relations/Community Engagement	450,000	18,400	120,400	329,600	26.76%
	TOTAL - Consultants	25,150,000	1,240,754	3,872,823	21,277,177	15.40%
Other Direct Costs						
	Legal	270,000	16,977	34,120	235,881	12.64%
	Insurance	50,000	0	12,299	37,701	24.60%
	Audits	25,000	2,315	8,315	16,685	33.26%
	HR	-	0	250	(250)	
	Line of Credit	125,000	0	0	125,000	0.00%
	Bank Fees	-	0	139	(139)	
	Travel/Mileage/Mis	15,000	2,750	6,204	8,796	41.36%
	Office space/furnishings	137,500	5,405	37,661	99,839	27.39%
	Professional Development	2,500	0	0	2,500	0.00%
	Memberships	8,500	0	7,500	1,000	88.24%
	Information Technology/Software	20,000	1,585	11,095	8,905	55.48%
	ACTC	100,000	0	0	100,000	0.00%
	SJRRRC	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
	BART	100,000	0	25,100	74,900	25.10%
	Caltrans Reimbursement	-	0	0	0	
	Union Pacific Reimbursement	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
	TOTAL OTHER DIRECT COSTS	953,500.00	29,032.59	142,682.89	810,817	14.96%
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	27,401,750	1,369,845	4,777,398	22,624,352	17.43%
	LAVTA Expense		0	0		
	FUND BALANCE (OPERATING)		174,044	(2,921,205)		

AGENDA

ITEM 4 C





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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

FROM: Wil Ridder, Deputy Director

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Information only. The final Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the June 2024 Board meeting.

Background/Discussion

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority continues to receive funding from the allocation of funds approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to advance the Valley Link Project. These funds are received on a reimbursement basis. In FY 2025 these funds will be augmented by the State budget funds approved by the legislature in 2023 and State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in December 2023. The draft budget for FY 2025 focuses primarily on the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) work in the I-580 corridor, federal environmental clearance, 30% design, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements under the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program.

Authority staff recognize that the FY 2025 includes only TIRCP funds for consultant services previously awarded or planned for award by June 2024. As additional consultant awards are recommended for Board approval, staff will bring back to the Board budget amendments to add these expenses and revenues.

Attached are the anticipated revenues and expenses that make up the Draft FY 2025 Budget. The direct labor and benefits expenses for Authority staff include a 2.5% increase in salaries for a cost-of-living adjustment based on the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI). Below is a brief description of the revenues and expenses:

Revenues

MTC Allocation

MTC provided a multi-year allocation of bridge toll funds in June of 2020 in the amount of \$46.8 million to perform the project development work as noted above in the staff report.

State Budget Funding

The State legislature approved \$5 million to the Authority for the Valley Link rail project as part of the FY 2023 State Budget (Assembly Bill 179) for environmental and preliminary engineering activities.

State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Funding

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$25 million to the Authority for the Valley Link rail project for environmental and preliminary engineering activities.

Expenses

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for the Authority

Deputy Director

Oversees or a wide variety of critical roles within the agency.

Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer for the Authority is also the Finance Director for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) and is paid a stipend for duties performed as Chief Financial Officer of the Authority.

Director, Policy Planning and Environmental

Provides policy planning and environmental analysis, key role in the Authority for all policy and environmental reviews and related consultant contract management.

Director, Rail Engineering, Construction, and Operations

Provides program management contract oversight over rail engineering and construction, key role in the Authority for all engineering reviews and related consultant contract management.

Executive Assistant

The Executive Assistant provides a wide variety of support and administrative activities for the agency.

General Engineering Consultant

WSP/PGH Wong is under contract to complete the preliminary engineering necessary for Caltrans Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) within the State's right of way (I-580) and off highway system rail engineering (30% design). This effort includes the work to support the environmental document for the initial operating phase. The Authority has budgeted \$18.8 million dollars to complete this effort in FY 2025.

Environmental Clearance

AECOM is under contract to complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to meet the requirements under both the Caltrans Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) process and the FTA Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. The PA&ED phase will also include supplemental work pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for modifications to the Valley Link initial operating segment from Dublin/Pleasanton to the new Mountain House Community station. The Authority has budgeted \$2.25 million to complete this effort in FY 2025.

Program Management Support Services

Gray Bowen Scott is under contract to provide Program Management Support Services. The Authority is budgeting \$1 million for these services in FY 2025.

Government Relations/Marketing

Support for Regional Advocacy is provided by Red Oak Consulting. Support for State grants and other State funding opportunities is provided by Khouri Consulting. Federal advocacy and marketing support is yet to be determined.

Equity Community Engagement

Equity First Consulting is under contract to provide equity community engagement services. The Authority is budgeting \$250,000 for these services in FY 2025.

Real Estate Consultant Project Manager

The Authority is recommending the award of a consultant contract for these services at the April 2024 Board meeting. The Authority is budgeting \$500,000 for these services in FY 2025.

Alternative Delivery Support Services

The Authority is targeting the award of a consultant contract for these services at the June 2024 Board meeting. The Authority is budgeting \$350,000 for these services in FY 2025.

Financial Advisory Services

Support for financial advisory and planning services are provided by PFM Financial Advisors on an on-call basis.

Insurance

The Authority carries liability insurance for the agency.

Financial Audits

Each year the Authority financial statements are audited to ensure the Board that the financial documents are accurately prepared and represented.

Legal and Legal Supplemental

General Counsel is provided by Mr. Michael Conneran of Hanson Bridgett LLP. Legal services have been used extensively to review the environmental work ongoing by the agency and to prepare and review contracts and Authority policies and procedures.

Line of Credit

Thus far, cash flow management has been provided through the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA). Staff anticipates the need for a line of credit as more significant work is performed by consultant teams.

Office Space/Furnishings/Office Supplies/Utilities

The Authority leases an office suite as provided within the MTC allocation of funds for the project. This line item covers cost associated with effective day-to-day operations.

Travel/Mileage/Meetings

This budget item is set up for meetings that require staff travel. Included in this line item are the costs associated with meetings, including Authority Board meetings.

Professional Development

This budget item is set up for staff development, training and related activities.

Memberships

This budget item is set up for corporate memberships.

Information Technology/Software

This budget item is set up for computer software and information technology support.

BART/SJRRC/ACTC/UPRR

Included in the June 2020 MTC allocation and 2023 State Budget earmark are funds to reimburse key partner agencies that are critical in the planning and delivery of Valley Link. For FY 2025 these agencies are anticipated to include Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC), Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

Attachments:

1. FY 2025 Revenues and Expenses

ATTACHMENT 1



**TRI-VALLEY — SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

REVENUES

MTC Allocation	\$	20,144,000.00
State Budget Funding	\$	2,500,000.00
State TIRCP Funding	\$	3,000,000.00

Grand Total Revenues \$ 25,644,000.00

EXPENSES

Direct Labor and Benefits

Executive Director/CEO	\$	361,700.00
Deputy Director	\$	284,800.00
Director, Rail Engineering, Construction and Operations	\$	265,800.00
Director, Policy Planning and Environmental	\$	247,200.00
Chief Financial Officer	\$	42,600.00
Executive Assistant	\$	130,500.00
Other LAVTA Administrative Support Activities	\$	10,400.00
Total	\$	1,343,000.00

Consultants

General Engineering Consultant	\$	18,800,000.00
Environmental Clearance	\$	2,250,000.00
Administrative Support	\$	50,000.00
Program Management Support Services	\$	1,000,000.00
Government Relations/Marketing	\$	240,000.00
Equity Community Engagement	\$	250,000.00
Real Estate Consultant Project Manager	\$	500,000.00
Alternative Delivery Support Services	\$	350,000.00
Financial Advisory Services	\$	50,000.00
Total	\$	23,490,000.00

Other Direct Costs

Insurance	\$	42,000.00
Financial Audits (incl software)	\$	25,000.00
Legal / Legal Supplemental	\$	150,000.00
Line-of-Credit	\$	125,000.00
Office Space/Furnishings/Office Supplies/Utilities	\$	137,500.00
Travel/Mileage/Meetings	\$	2,500.00
Professional Development	\$	500.00
Memberships	\$	8,500.00
Information Technology/Software	\$	20,000.00
BART	\$	100,000.00
SJRRRC	\$	50,000.00
ACTC	\$	100,000.00
UPRR	\$	50,000.00
Total	\$	811,000.00

Grand Total Expenses \$ 25,644,000.00

AGENDA

ITEM 4D





STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment 2

FROM: Wil Ridder, Deputy Director

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Directors approve Amendment 2 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget.

Background/Discussion

The Board of Directors adopted the Authority's FY 2024 Budget at their June 14, 2023 meeting. At that time, Authority staff recognized that during FY 2024 additional funds would flow from the State based upon the formal allocation by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) of the \$25 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds awarded to the Authority in April 2023. On December 7, 2023 these TIRCP funds were formally allocated to the Authority, allowing staff to bring back to the Board the budget amendments required to reflect the use of these additional revenues as the Authority seeks to initiate specific activities funded with these revenues within the budget year. At the December 13, 2023 Board meeting, the Board approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2024 Budget to add \$400,000 in TIRCP revenues to support the Authority's ability to enter into a new consultant contract for Equity Community Engagement activities funded under the TIRCP award.

Amendment 2 to the FY 2024 Budget adds an additional \$100,000 in TIRCP revenues to the previously adopted FY 2024 Budget to support the Authority's ability to enter into a new consultant contract for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager activities funded under the TIRCP award. This is specifically the amount of the Real Estate Consultant Project Manager contract budget (\$580,000 Phase 1 total) anticipated to be expended during the remaining 2 months of the current fiscal year.

Below is a brief description of the amended revenues and expenses:

Amended Revenues

State TIRCP Funding

The CTC allocated the \$25 million in TIRCP funding awarded to the Authority for the Valley Link rail project as part of TIRCP Cycle 6 for preliminary engineering activities. Amendment 2 to the FY 2024 Budget adds an additional \$100,000 in TIRCP revenues to specifically fund the amount of Real Estate Consultant Project Manager consultant contract activities anticipated to be completed during the remainder of FY 2024.

Amended Expenses

Consultants – Real Estate Consultant Project Manager

Amendment 2 to the FY 2024 Budget adds \$100,000 in expenses for a new Real Estate Consultant Project Manager activity under Consultant Services. These Real Estate Consultant Project Manager services are being recommended to the Board in Item 5 of the April 10, 2024 board meeting agenda.

The \$100,000 in TIRCP revenues specifically fund the amount of Real Estate Consultant Project Manager contract activities anticipated to be completed during the remainder of FY 2024.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of Amendment 2 to the FY 2024 Budget will authorize the expenditure of up to a total of \$27,901,750 in funding provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the State for Valley Link project development activities. This total represents a \$100,000 increase based on the addition of new TIRCP revenues allocated by the CTC on December 7, 2023.

Recommendation

Approve Amendment 2 to the FY 2024 Budget.

Attachments:

1. Amendment 2 to FY 2024 Budget - Revenues and Expenses

ATTACHMENT 1



**TRI-VALLEY — SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT 2 TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET**

REVENUES

MTC Allocation	\$	22,401,750.00
State Budget Funding	\$	5,000,000.00
State TIRCP	\$	500,000.00
Grand Total Revenues	\$	27,901,750.00

EXPENSES

Direct Labor and Benefits

Executive Director/CEO	\$	336,000.00
Deputy Director	\$	279,300.00
Director, Rail Engineering and Construction	\$	260,400.00
Director, Policy Planning and Environmental	\$	242,550.00
Chief Financial Officer	\$	42,609.00
Executive Assistant	\$	127,000.00
Other LAVTA Administrative Support Activities	\$	10,391.00
Total	\$	1,298,250.00

Consultants

General Engineering Consultant	\$	20,000,000.00
AECOM	\$	3,500,000.00
Administrative Support	\$	50,000.00
Program Management Support Services	\$	1,000,000.00
Government Relations/Marketing	\$	450,000.00
Financial Advisory Services	\$	150,000.00
Equity Community Engagement	\$	400,000.00
Real Estate Consultant Project Manager	\$	100,000.00
Total	\$	25,650,000.00

Other Direct Costs

Insurance	\$	50,000.00
Financial Audits (incl software)	\$	25,000.00
Legal / Legal Supplemental	\$	270,000.00
Line-of-Credit	\$	125,000.00
Office Space/Furnishings/Office Supplies/Utilities	\$	137,500.00
Travel/Mileage/Meetings	\$	15,000.00
Professional Development	\$	2,500.00
Memberships	\$	8,500.00
Information Technology/Software	\$	20,000.00
BART	\$	100,000.00
SJRRC	\$	50,000.00
ACTC	\$	100,000.00
UPRR	\$	50,000.00
Total	\$	953,500.00

Grand Total Expenses	\$	27,901,750.00
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ITEM 5





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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution R01-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager

FROM: Bill O'Hair, Director of Rail Engineering, Construction, and Operations

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Monument ROW for Real Estate Consultant Project Manager services, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$580,000 for a three-year base term with up to two additional one-year term options, for on-call services.

Background/Discussion

The Authority is seeking to hire a consultant firm to serve as a Real Estate Consultant Project Manager to develop, lead and manage the Valley Link Rail Project's right-of-way (ROW) appraisal, land acquisition, condemnation, and relocation activities. The Real Estate Consultant Project Manager will be responsible for working with the Authority and coordinating with the project partners including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans to establish the necessary policies and procedures to comply with federal and state requirements for ROW, appraisal/appraisal review, land acquisition, condemnation and relocation activities. The work is planned to be conducted in two phases:

- Phase 1 of the work is planned from the notice to proceed of this contract to the completion of environmental clearance scheduled for August 2024. During this phase of work the selected Real Estate Consultant Project Manager will develop the necessary real estate processes working with the Authority and its consultant team, including the Program Management Support Services (PMSS), General Engineering Consultant (GEC), and ROW legal counsel. A ROW process tracking and record keeping system shall also be developed during this phase of work, as well as cost estimating, and preliminary right-of-way services such as title and encumbrance reports.
- Phase 2 of the work will be to lead and manage the acquisition of real property necessary for the construction of the Valley Link Rail Project in conjunction with the Authority, PMSS, GEC, and its ROW legal counsel and acquisition and appraisal agents. In the ROW acquisition phase the Real Estate Consultant Project Manager will be responsible for managing the bench of qualified ROW appraisal and acquisition firms to be procured once the state and federal environmental clearance has been completed.

Staff has now completed a thorough and inclusive effort to solicit proposals from qualified firms and, consistent with the Authority Procurement Manual, issued an RFP and completed all steps necessary to complete a ranking of proposals received from qualified consultants. The following is a summary of this process.

RFP Distribution

The RFP was distributed through a distribution list of prospective firms based on the identification of consultant firms that have either performed similar work for peer agencies or were included in those peer agency procurement processes. The RFP was also distributed through a major ROW industry organization. Notification of RFP availability was sent to all parties on the RFP distribution list and the RFP was released through BidExpress on February 26, 2023, with a proposal due date of March 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Proposal Conference

On March 5, 2024 staff conducted a virtual pre-proposal conference via zoom. A total of 12 individuals expressed interest in the RFP and registered in advance to attend the preproposal conference, with 11 attending.

Proposals Received

A total of three proposals were received by the 4:00 p.m. deadline on March 27, 2024, reviewed by staff and determined to be responsive to the requirements identified in the RFP and then forwarded to the consultant selection panel for review:

- Monument ROW
- Paragon Partners Consultants, Inc.
- Hamner, Jewell & Associates

Consultant Selection Committee Review

A consultant selection committee consisting of staff from the Authority, the City of Dublin, and the City of Pleasanton reviewed and scored the three proposals received based on evaluation criteria contained in the RFP. All three firms were also invited to make an oral presentation and answer questions from the panel. The selection panel held these interviews on April 2, 2024 and through further scoring determined a final ranking for the three firms.

Consultant Rankings

The consultant selection panel scores resulted in Monument ROW being ranked number one as the most qualified and responsive firm and Paragon Partners Consultants, Inc. as rank two. Subject to negotiation of final contract terms, staff is recommending awarding the Real Estate Consultant Project Manager contract to Monument ROW. If final contract negotiations are not successful with Monument ROW, staff would move to award Paragon Partners Consultants, Inc. as rank number two, subject to separate contract negotiations and Board approval.

Monument ROW is a California firm with experience and expertise in establishing and managing multi-disciplinary ROW programs for major transportation projects across the State. These have included both highway projects under Caltrans oversight and public transit projects under FTA oversight. Recently, they

lead, managed, and successfully completed the right-of-way program for the West Valley Connector BRT, a 35-mile-long bus rapid transit project in San Bernadino County that acquired rights on 180 parcels and was under FTA oversight. The firm has garnered experience from its work with a wide variety of transportation agency clients and has worked directly with most of the stakeholders involved in the Valley Link Rail Project. In addition to direct experience in ROW acquisition, Monument ROW is actively serving in the role of real estate project manager for six other public agencies in California, including four public transportation agencies.

Fiscal Impact

The \$580,000 for the award of this Real Estate Consultant Project Manager contract with Monument ROW will be funded through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) award made by the California State Transportation Agency in April 2023 and allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in December 2023.

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Monument ROW, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$580,000 for a three-year base term with up to two additional one-year term options for on-call services and, if final contract negotiations are not successful with Monument ROW, authorize staff to negotiate with Paragon Partners Consultants, Inc. and enter into a Professional Services Agreement subject to separate Board approval.

Attachments

1. Resolution R01-2024

ATTACHMENT 1





RESOLUTION NO. R01-2024

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-VALLEY-SAN
JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH MONUMENT ROW FOR REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT
PROJECT MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted AB 758, establishing the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) under California Public Utilities Code Section 132651 *et seq.*, to plan, develop and deliver cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's rapid transit system in the Tri-Valley and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service;

WHEREAS, as required by AB 758, the Authority prepared and delivered an initial Project Feasibility Report to the Legislature on June 30, 2019 to explore the improvement of transit connectivity between the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the final Project Feasibility Report, the Authority has been engaged in the design and environmental activities to advance the Valley Link Project (Project) towards construction and eventual operation;

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2023 the Authority secured \$25 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Project including funds for a Real Estate Consultant Project Manager;

WHEREAS, the Authority prepared and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Real Estate Consultant Project Manager on February 26, 2024;

WHEREAS, timely and responsive submittals to the RFP were received on March 27, 2024, and a consultant selection panel comprised of Project partners reviewed and evaluated the proposals based on the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP and determined that Monument ROW was a highly responsive and qualified firm and;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2024, a consultant selection panel convened for oral presentations that resulted in Monument ROW being ranked number one by the panel, and

WHEREAS, the consultant selection panel recommends an award under RFP No. 2024-01 to Monument ROW in an amount not to exceed \$580,000 for an initial three-year period with two (2) one-year options, for on-call services subject to funding availability and future board approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into Professional Services Agreement with Monument ROW to serve as Real Estate Consultant Project Manager, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$580,000 for an initial three-year period with two (2) one-year options subject to funding availability and future board approval, and if final negotiations are not successful with Monument ROW, authorize staff to negotiate with Paragon Partners Consultants Inc. and enter into a Professional Services Agreement subject to separate Board approval.

APPROVED AND PASSED, this 10th day of April 2024.

Melissa Hernandez, Chair

ATTEST:

Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director/CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel

AGENDA

ITEM 6





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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution R02-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Extend the Agreement for Regional Advocacy Services

FROM: Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board authorize the Executive Director to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement with Red Oak Engineering & Consulting, LLC for Regional Advocacy Services, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a contract term limit of ten months from March 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$84,000.

Background and Discussion

On February 3, 2023, the Board of Directors meeting the Authority authorized the Executive Director to extend the contract term limit with Red Oak Engineering and Consulting, the contract was originally approved on January 6, 2022. The contract term was fulfilled in March 2024.

Authority staff continues to see value in educating and briefing regional policymakers and public agencies such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), and the County of Alameda. Staff recommends that the current professional services agreement term limit be extended by an additional ten months, amounting to \$84,000, for a new total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$280,800.

Fiscal Impact

On June 24, 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved the Authority's allocation request for \$46.8 million for Valley Link. The allocation includes funding for Government Relations sufficient for the additional ten-month extension amounting to \$84,000, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$280,800.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution R02-2024

Attachments

1. Resolution R02-2024

ATTACHMENT 1





Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. R02-2024

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-VALLEY – SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH RED OAK ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING FOR REGIONAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted AB 758, establishing the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) under California Public Utilities Code Section 132651 *et seq.*, to plan, develop and deliver cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's rapid transit system in the Tri-Valley and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 758, the Authority prepared and delivered an initial Project Feasibility Report to the Legislature on June 30, 2019 to explore the improvement of transit connectivity between the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the final Project Feasibility Report, the Authority has been engaged in the design and environmental activities to advance the Valley Link Project (Project) towards construction and eventual operation; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved the Authority's allocation request for \$46.8 million for Valley Link. The allocation includes funding for Government Relations which includes Regional Advocacy Services that will allow staff to educate and brief regional policymakers and other interested parties on the Valley Link project and secure funding for construction and operation of the commuter rail system; and

WHEREAS, the Authority prepared and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Regional Advocacy Services on January 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS,. The evaluation committee received three timely and responsive submittals to the RFP on February 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee recommended an award under RFP No. 2022-01 to Red Oak Engineering & Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00 for an initial one-year Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to exercise up to one, one-year option term to extend the Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Authority now desires to exercise Option 1 to extend the Agreement for one year, for an amount not to exceed \$100,800 pursuant to the terms of RFP No. 2022-01;

WHEREAS the Authority now desires to extend the Agreement for ten months, for an amount of \$84,000, total agreement amount not to exceed \$280,800;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to extend the professional services agreement with Red Oak Engineering & Consulting, LLC, for Regional Advocacy Services, in a form approved by legal counsel, to extend the term ten months, for an amount of \$84,000, total agreement amount not to exceed \$280,800.

APPROVED AND PASSED, this 10th day of April 2024

Melissa Hernandez, Chair

ATTEST:

Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel

AGENDA

ITEM 7





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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution R03-2024 Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to Negotiate a Contract for Financial Auditing Services

FROM: Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director/CEO

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Maze and Associates to provide financial auditing services for a three-year term, contract not to exceed amount of ninety thousand (\$90,000).

Discussion

In December 2023 LAVTA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit financial auditing services. At the March 2024 LAVTA Board meeting, Maze and Associates was selected and approved to provide financial auditing services. As with the Authority's procurement policy, LAVTA's procurement policy utilizes a competitive bid process for procuring new major contracts. LAVTA staff communicated to the Authority staff in advance that the RFP included a "piggyback" clause that would allow for the Authority to utilize LAVTA's competitive procurement consultant selection process. Authority staff reviewed LAVTA's RFP, consultant selection process, and contract award recommendation and concurs. Staff is recommending utilizing the piggyback clause to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Maze and Associates to provide financial auditing services for the Authority.

It should be noted that Maze and Associates were previously under contract with LAVTA providing financial auditing services for both LAVTA and the Authority. This agreement will require Maze and Associates to change auditors as necessary to ensure auditor independence.

Additionally, as part of this new audit agreement independent from LAVTA, the audit requires that an oversight committee be formed. Previously the Authority has utilized ad hoc committees to assist with focused discussions and strategic recommendations within specific Valley Link process areas. One of these areas was for funding which led to the formation of a Financial Ad Hoc committee. Staff is recommending appointing a Financial Ad Hoc committee to serve as an oversight panel for the annual audit. The board members participating on the Financial Ad Hoc Committee would meet with the auditors prior to the audit and at the conclusion towards the end of the fiscal year. Staff will work with the Chair to appoint the members of the Financial Ad Hoc committee.

Background

AB758 was approved in October 2017 and identified LAVTA as the managing agency for the Valley Link project, with the option to later pursue hiring an Executive Director and staff for the Authority. LAVTA provided administrative support to the Authority including accounting, grant management, auditing, human resources, and procurement functions. The CFO confirmed with legal counsel that LAVTA's procurement for financial audit services could be used by the Authority to contract with Maze and Associates should the Authority desire to do so.

Fiscal Impact

The Authority's current fiscal year budget includes funding for financial audits. The \$90,000 for the award of this professional services agreement will be funded from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) grant funding currently encumbered for the project.

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Maze and Associates, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 for a three-year base term with up to two additional one-year term options, the exercise of which shall be subject to separate board approval.

ATTACHMENT 1





Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. R03-2024

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-VALLEY-SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAZE AND ASSOCIATES FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) was established to plan, develop, and deliver cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity, between the Bay Area Rapid Transit's (BART) rapid transit system and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service, that reflects regional consensus and meets the goals and objectives of the San Joaquin Valley and Tri-Valley communities, consistent with the project feasibility report adopted pursuant to Section 132661 of the Public Utilities Code; and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishing the Authority provided that the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority would serve as the managing agency for the Authority during the initial 18 months of its operation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority board, in June 2019, acted to extend the relationship with LAVTA indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, in March 2024, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority issued a Request for Proposal for Financial Auditing Services included a "piggyback" clause in the Request for Proposal for Financial Auditing Services allowing the Authority to utilize the consultant selection; and

WHEREAS, in March 2024, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority selected Maze and Associates as the number one ranked consulting firm for financial auditing services, and

WHEREAS, the Authority now seeks to enter into professional services agreement with Maze and Associates for financial auditing services for a base term of three years, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000, with up to two additional one-year term options, the exercise of which shall be subject to separate board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY that the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to extend the professional services agreement with Maze and Associates, in a form approved by legal counsel, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 for a three-year base term with up to two additional one-year term options, the exercise of which shall be subject to separate board approval.

Regularly passed and adopted this 10th day of April 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Melissa Hernandez, Chair

ATTEST:

Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director/CEO

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ITEM 8





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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Update

FROM: Marianne Payne, Director of Policy, Planning and Environment

DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

This is an information item to provide an update on the upcoming Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Valley Link Rail Project and Notice of Public Hearings. No action is required.

Background and Discussion

At the upcoming April 10, 2024 Board meeting, staff will provide information on an important project milestone in the environmental review of the Valley Link Rail Project: the release of a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Valley Link Rail Project and Notice of Public Hearings. The NOA, planned for distribution on April 22, 2024, will advise members of the public and other agencies that the Draft SEIR will be available for review and comment for a 45-day period that will end at 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2024 and provide notification of public hearing dates. The Draft SEIR, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), analyzes potential environmental effects associated with revisions to previously analyzed improvements included in the Valley Link Rail Project Final EIR approved by the Authority on May 12, 2021. The Draft SEIR will be available for review on the project website: www.getvalleylinked.com and at public locations to be identified in the NOA. Three Public Hearings are planned:

- **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**
Robert Livermore Community Center
444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA
- **Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**
Mountain House Community Services District
251 E. Main Street, Mountain House, CA
- **Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.**
Virtual Public Hearing – To be conducted online

The NOA will be widely distributed by email to a list of stakeholders maintained by the Authority and to public agencies, nearby jurisdictions, tribes, and other local organizations. It will also be sent by certified mail to all property owners of parcels identified in the Draft SEIR as needed for the construction and operation of the project and mailed to property owners located directly contiguous to the parcels on which

the project is located. Legal advertisements will also be placed in the online editions of the following newspapers with shortened versions of the NOA:

- East Bay Times
- Stockton Record
- Livermore Independent
- Modesto Bee
- Pleasanton Weekly
- Tracy Press
- El Observador (Spanish translation)
- Mountain House Matters

Consistent with the Authority's Language Assistance Plan, notification will be provided in the text of the NOA in the six Safe Harbor languages identified in the Valley Link Rail Project Area, advising that language interpretation is available upon request and providing a phone number to call for help. These languages include Spanish, Korean, Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese), Vietnamese, Tagalog (including Filipino) and Arabic. In addition, it will be noted that a language interpreter could be made available at upcoming meetings if a request is made within 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

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

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Station Area Planning and Local Agency Agreements Update
FROM: Wil Ridder, Deputy Director
DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

This is an information item to provide an update on the station area planning and local agency agreement development that is currently underway for the Valley Link Rail Project in support of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program requirements. No action is requested.

Background/Discussion

Consistent with the requirements of the FTA CIG Program, the Authority is continuing to advance, as part of the Project Development phase of the CIG Program, the design of the Valley Link stations, including station areas, as well as local agency agreements to provide the commitment of local funding for the project. As part of the Project Development phase, the Authority must obtain commitments for at least 30 percent of the non-CIG capital funding for the project. Additionally, for Valley Link to progress into the Engineering phase of the CIG Program, the Authority must prepare a 20-year financial plan that documents both the capital and operations costs and revenues. Authority staff is currently targeting to complete of Project Development in December 2024 and request FTA for permission to enter into Engineering in January 2025.

Staff has been actively engaging with the local agencies on station area planning and local agency agreements where the new Valley Link stations involve station areas with new passenger parking and access infrastructure, including the Isabel and Southfront stations in the City of Livermore and the Mountain House Community station in Mountain House. As a result of this engagement, staff is developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with both the City of Livermore and Mountain House to support the design of the station areas, as well as local agency agreements to address both targeted capital funding commitments and long-term operations and maintenance of the station areas.

At the April 10, 2024 Board meeting, staff will provide an update on progress that has been achieved to-date on the station area planning and highlight future activities that are planned to support the development of local agency agreements, including the advancement of MOUs with local agencies for the station areas.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

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ITEM 10





Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report
FROM: Kevin Sheridan, Executive Director/CEO
DATE: April 10, 2024

Action Requested

This is an information item. No action is requested.

Background/Discussion

An oral report and presentation will be provided at the board meeting.