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Valley Link Board Mourns the Passing of Visionary Rail Leader and Valley Link Champion Scott Haggerty

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, Calif. – July 7, 2026 – The Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link) joins the Bay Area transportation community in mourning the loss of Scott Haggerty, a visionary leader and tireless champion of regional rail who passed away on July 5, 2026, at the age of 68.

As a longtime Alameda County Supervisor, Haggerty was the driving force behind the creation and advancement of the Valley Link rail project. His leadership and unwavering commitment were instrumental in establishing the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority and building momentum for a transformative passenger rail connection between the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County.

“Scott Haggerty was a legendary figure in Bay Area transportation whose vision continues to shape our region’s future,” said Supervisor Robert Rickman, Chair of the Valley Link Board of Directors. “He recognized the critical need for reliable, efficient rail service to connect communities, reduce congestion, and support economic growth across the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley. His dedication as an early champion of Valley Link laid the foundation for the progress we are making today. We are deeply grateful for his contributions and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.”

Haggerty served on numerous regional transportation boards, including as Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission and Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He played a pivotal role in advancing key infrastructure projects that have improved mobility and quality of life throughout the East Bay and beyond.

The Valley Link Board of Directors extends its deepest sympathies to Supervisor Haggerty’s family during this difficult time. His legacy of service, collaboration, and forward-thinking leadership will continue to inspire the ongoing development of the Valley Link project and future generations of regional transportation advocates.

About Valley Link

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority is developing the Valley Link rail project to provide fast, frequent, and reliable passenger rail service connecting the cities of Tracy, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. For more information, visit www.valleylinkrail.com

