

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Haggerty at 2:00pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Chair Scott Haggerty, Alameda County (departed at 3:00pm)
Vice Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Director Bob Elliott, San Joaquin County
Director Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director Philip O'Loane, City of San Ramon
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville (departed at 3:00pm)
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Bob Woerner (Livermore), LAVTA
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director Debby Moorhead, City of Manteca
Director Sol Jobrack, City of Stockton

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 requesting Valley Link get together with ACE and get control of the BART Parking at Isabel to have adequate parking for their station.

4. Approve Minutes of April 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting – **ACTION**

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

Roland Lebrun, spoke regarding Chair Scott Haggerty's agenda request in Agenda Item 12 being incorrect. Chair Scott Haggerty requested that the minutes be listened to again and to bring the minutes back to the Board of Directors for approval at the June 12, 2019 meeting. The minutes were corrected to reflect the following "Board Chair Scott Haggerty made an agenda request for discussion on layout criteria of what the Rail Authority would want to see at the stations, but leave it up to the local jurisdictions to build and deal with them."

5. Executive Director Report – **INFORMATION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Executive Directors report to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree provided an overview of the AB 758 Feasibility Report progress, briefings and presentations completed, and the One Voice Trip to Washington, D.C. Executive Director Michael Tree introduced Valley Link's Government Relations

Lead Consultant Don Perata. Consultant Don Perata gave a brief update on government relations, community engagement, and public affairs. Consultant Don Perata explained that Valley Link is in a very advantageous position, having \$600 as a local match. However, Perata cautioned the Board by reminding them that Sacramento has cut back the transportation budget projections, so Valley Link has less to go after and more competition. Consultant Don Perata provided a examples of how to be more competitive with funding and Valley Link. Consultant Don Perata will provide the Board of Directors a two page report that will sum up what the Government Relations, Community Engagement and Public Affairs team is accomplishing and noted that Valley Link Rail Boosters raised a little over \$100,000 in donations as a non-profit entity.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Chair Scott Haggerty requested a discussion agenda item on NEPA and the impact it would have on the project.

Chair Scott Haggerty presented the Valley Link Informational Video that was produced by JCOMM, Inc. and the video was played during the meeting.

This was informational only.

6. Treasurer's Report – **ACTION**

Staff informed the Board of Directors that the Rail Authority is still waiting on the MTC reimbursement and they now have pre-paid revenue that will be on next month's Treasurer's Report.

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements comparing the budgeted amounts approved at the December Board meeting to the expenses through the end of March 2019.

Approved: Stepper/Vargas

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas noted the One Voice Trip to Washington, D.C. and informed that Staff and Board Members asked Congressman Harder and Congressman Swalwell's Office for support on the project. The Congressmen (Rep. Harder, Rep. Swalwell, Rep. McNerney, and Rep. DeSaulnier) provided a letter to the Transportation Director in support of Valley Link. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas thanked the Congressman in their support of transportation connectivity. Chair Scott Haggerty informed that the FTA knew about the Valley Link project and were excited for the project.

7. Budget Amendment – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that a revenue and expense line item needs to be added to the budget. The first is to add \$50,000 to the strategic project development director consultant services contract. The County of Alameda has provided \$50,000 to augment the \$100,000 budget for this fiscal year. The second request is to add \$45,000 in funds for the production of the Valley Link Promotional Video. The City of Tracy and the River Islands Development provided the funding for that project.

The Board of Directors approved an amendment to the budget to add a revenue line item of \$50,000 and a corresponding line item for \$50,000, and another expense line item of \$45,000 with a corresponding revenue line item.

Approved: Vargas/Tingle

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead

8. Valley Link Funding Plan – **ACTION**

[Vice Chair Scott Haggerty, from Alameda County, Director Karen Stepper, from Town of Danville, and Director Melissa Hernandez, from City of Dublin departed during Valley Link Funding Plan.]

Diane Cowin from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Valley Link Funding Plan to the Board of Directors. Diane Cowin noted the capital cost estimate of \$1.8 billion for Valley Link. The Operations and Maintenance (O&M) cost of \$22.1 million in 2019 and approximately \$26.8 million in 2025 (year of expenditure dollars). Diane Cowin also provided a brief overview of high to low the likelihood is for Capital and O&M funding sources.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Several Board Members provided additional funding sources to look into: Port of Stockton and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Incentive Funds Program. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas also pointed out the report does not include the Faster, the Bay Area transportation mega-measure that will hopefully pass by 2020 for \$100 million.

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas asked for public comment on this agenda item.

Vaughn Wolffe, Pleasanton resident, spoke regarding opposition on ridership numbers on rail and I-580, as well as greenhouse reduction issues.

Don Cose, Tracy resident, spoke regarding Valley Link being affordable and getting the project completed regardless of who funds it.

The Board of Directors approved to authorize the proposed draft funding plan to move forward into the Feasibility Study Report. The Board of Directors also recommended that the proposed draft funding plan be updated, as necessary, as funding sources are secured, awarded, denied, or otherwise change to guide the project funding and financing implementation after completion of the Feasibility Study.

Approved: Akinjo/Hernandez

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Woerner, Akinjo, Zuber, O'Loane, McPartland, Tingle, Thorne

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Haggerty, Stepper, Hernandez

9. Valley Link Project Schedule– **ACTION**

Diane Cowin from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Valley Link Project Schedule to the Board of Directors. Diane Cowin gave an in-depth overview of the schedule and project milestones.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

The Board of Directors approved to authorize the proposed draft project implementation schedule to move forward into the Feasibility Study Report. The Board of Directors also recommended that the proposed draft project implementation schedule be updated with more detail as necessary to monitor and guide the project implementation after completion of the Feasibility Study.

Approved: O’Loane/Tingle

Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Woerner, Akinjo, Zuber, O’Loane, McPartland, Hernandez, Tingle, Thorne

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Haggerty, Stepper

10. Update on State and Regional Planning and Coordination - **INFORMATION**

Strategic Project Development Director Marianne Payne provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Update on State and Regional Planning and Coordination to the Board of Directors. Marianne Payne informed that a Public Community Workshop will be held in Livermore at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 6pm-8pm with details posted on our website and staff will also be at the Livermore Downtown Festival. Also noted was the Valley Link survey that is still ongoing. We are receiving responses with great feedback from the community. Marianne Payne acknowledged ACE/SJRRC Manager of Regional Initiatives Dan Leavitt and consulting staff members. Marianne Payne provided the key project goal to support the vision of the California State Rail Plan to connect the Northern California Megaregion to the State rail system. Marianne Payne pointed out the 2018 California State Rail Plan 2040 Vision along the Altamont Corridor with ½ hour frequency during peak periods and connectivity to San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco (via new Transbay Crossing), and the Peninsula (via the Dumbarton Crossing). Marianne Payne also highlighted the short-term, mid-term, and longer-term visions for the Altamont Corridor. One key feature in the longer term vision is the one seat ride between San Joaquin Valley, Tri-Valley, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, and the Peninsula. Marianne Payne also stated that on May 1, 2019 a report was released by the California High Speed Rail Authority to the State Legislature. The next step that was identified was to perform integrated service planning to optimize connections and seamless travel. Marianne Payne gave an overview of the longer range vision for the corridor focusing on investing in capacity and travel time, universal corridors, shared facilities and a Megaregional Network Integration. The possible next step may be to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ACE to participate in the further development of the vision ensuring compatibility with the short term goals of Valley Link.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas asked for public comment on this agenda item.

Vaughn Wolffe, Pleasanton resident, spoke regarding Caltrain electrification, their business plan, ACE running inline from Redwood City along the Peninsula to Santa Clara, Stockton development near stations, and running buses versus rail down the freeway.

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This was informational only.

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

None.

12. Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2019 at Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.