

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Chair Scott Haggerty provided an opening statement regarding the 18th anniversary of September 11th tragedy by providing a few powerful 9/11 quotes.

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
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore
Director Bob Woerner (Livermore), LAVTA
Director Philip O'Loane, City of San Ramon
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART (arrived at 2:05pm)
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director Debby Moorhead, City of Manteca
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton
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.

[Director John McPartland, from BART, arrived during Public Comments.]

Robert S. Allen, Livermore Resident, spoke regarding 3 phases: 1. Valley link to obtain land at Isabel and Greenville from BART; 2. Enlarge Park-N-Ride at Isabel; 3. Wheels to run an express bus service to the BART station

4. Approve Minutes of June 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting – **ACTION**

Approved: Vargas/Hernandez

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Thorne, Stepper, Tingle

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

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Executive Director Michael Tree provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree briefed the Board on FASTER Bay Area and the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 request to organizers.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Board about his trip to LA Metro with Therese McMillan Executive Director from MTC. A report on lessons learned will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

Executive Director Michael Tree also highlighted the Comments on the Feasibility Report, briefings and community events that were conducted, and introduced David Ripperda from San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). David Ripperda provided information on the SJCOG Congested Corridor Plan and upcoming workshops.

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

This was informational only.

Board Chair Scott Haggerty announced that he received a public request for all Board Members and Staff to turn their microphones on when speaking.

6. Treasurer's Report – ACTION

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's Report for June (preliminary) and July 2019.

Approved: Marchand/Woerner

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Thorne, Stepper, Tingle

7. Letter of Support – Valley Link and the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 in FASTER Bay Area – ACTION

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Letter of Support – Valley Link and the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 in FASTER Bay Area to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that in July/August 2019 they sensed a well-timed letter of support from the agency on the project would be important. The Rail Authority Chair Scott Haggerty and Vice Chair Veronica Vargas signed a letter of support in regard to the Altamont Corridor Phase 1, which includes Valley Link on the I-580 corridor.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. There were some concerns about what a 3.5 mile tunnel build potentially could do to the timeline. If the Measure is approved there would be an EIR on this corridor that could take 12-18 months. It would take a number of years beyond the expectation of what it might have taken with the former Union Pacific (UP) Right-of-Way (ROW) alignment to build a tunnel.

The Board of Directors ratified letter of support for inclusion of Valley Link and Altamont Corridor Phase 1 in FASTER Bay Area measure.

Approved: Vargas/Hernandez

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Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Zuber, O'Loane, Haggerty, Woerner, Hernandez, McPartland
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Thorne, Stepper, Tingle

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

Roland Lebrun spoke regarding using existing ROW and then building on it (provided an example: London and Channel Tunnel).

8. Request Amendment to the Alameda County 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Board that this item is a request from the Authority to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to recognize the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority as a new public agency in Alameda County, and to amend the Alameda County 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan to allocate the \$400 million in Measure BB to the Valley Link project that was formerly allocated to the BART to Livermore project.

After providing background information on the May 2018 BART Board meeting, Executive Director Tree reviewed the draft letter attached to the staff report that is the mechanism for the requests to Alameda CTC and commented that the letter as written refers to an attached letter from BART (that would be approved by BART in the future) that provides concurrence to amending the Alameda County 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan to allocate the \$400 million in Measure BB to the Valley Link project that was formerly allocated to the BART to Livermore project. Executive Director Tree stated that this statement in the letter is troublesome and that an option for the Board is that the Board approve the letter while also granting authority for the Board Chair to modify the letter if ultimately not a requirement of ACTC.

A motion was made by Director McPartland and seconded by Vice-Chair Vargas to approve the letter as written.

Director Bob Woerner requested to amend the motion by approving the letter and providing the Chair the ability to amend the letter based on clarification from Alameda CTC as to whether a letter of concurrence from BART was in fact needed.

Director McPartland and Vice-Chair Vargas accepted the friendly amendment.

Chair Haggerty invited public comment. There was none.

Director Elliott stated that there appears to be no basis for a requirement that the Authority seek a letter from BART as part of our request. Continuing that the Authority should simply provide a letter with the paragraph referring to an attached letter from BART deleted. Director Elliott then continued by stating that Authority should let ACTC decide if they need something from BART and that they can make that request if needed.

Director Woerner removed his first amendment and then requested a new amendment to strike the following words from the Alameda CTC letter: "Attached to this letter is a letter of concurrence by the BART Board of Directors with the above mentioned amendments to the Alameda County 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan." And to provide Chair Haggerty the ability to amend the letter.

Director McParland and Vice-Chair Vargas accepted the new friendly amendment.

Approved: McPartland/Vargas

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Moorhead, Thorne, Stepper, Tingle

9. Valley Link Draft Feasibility Report – Comments Received– **INFORMATION**

Diane Cowin from AECOM provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 144 public comments received and staff provided those comments and responses to the Board of Directors for review. The majority of comments received were from agencies, jurisdictions, organizations, and 111 comments from Mountain House residents. During the presentation Diane Cowin summarized comments provided by the public and agencies. Diane Cowin informed that based on the comments received clarifications and minor edits are being made to the Feasibility Report. There will also be revisions to the schedule and funding plan. Staff will provide detail on the BART coordination and capacity analysis, as well as conclusions with next steps. The Final Feasibility Report is anticipated to be completed and submitted for approval at the October Rail Authority Board of Directors meeting.

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

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

Roland Lebrun spoke regarding possible BART technology at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART to scan license plates and informed that the Rail Authority could map that information by zip code to figure out where the patrons are coming from.

Kim Hudson with the Associated General Contractors of California, Dublin resident, encouraged the Board to take advantage of the contractors in this area and have them at the table when the Rail Authority is looking at timelines, because they can give an honest timeline response and would like this project to move quickly.

This was informational only.

10. Valley Link Environmental Impact Report Update – **INFORMATION**

Diane Cowin from AECOM informed that in tandem of working on the Feasibility Report they also have been working on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). They are working with all of the stakeholders, especially BART to make sure they have enough detail to do the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). An administrative draft has been submitted to the Rail Authority and they have provided AECOM comments, so that document is being updated. The project team anticipates the Draft EIR will be submitted to the public in Fall/Winter 2019 and there will be a 45 day public comment period. There could be an extension to the public comment period, due to holidays. Based on comments received AECOM will assess the public comments and then look at what they need to do from a next step stand point. AECOM is anticipating completing the EIR by Spring 2020.

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

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Chair Scott Haggerty informed the public that the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll is on September 22, 2019 from 7am – 2pm.

12. Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2019 at Tracy City Hall, City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy
13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.