

Item 4
Minutes of February 13, 2019 Meeting in Tracy

ACTION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:01pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Supervisor Bob Elliott, San Joaquin County
Councilmember Veronica Vargas (Vice Chair), City of Tracy
Mayor John Marchand, City of Livermore
Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton
Vice President Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Vice Mayor Philip O'Loane, City of San Ramon
Vice Mayor Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Vice Mayor Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Councilmember Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Councilmember Debby Moorhead, City of Manteca
Councilmember Sol Jobrack, City of Stockton (arrived at 2:11pm)
Board Member Bob Woerner (Livermore), LAVTA
Board Member John McPartland (District 5), BART
Board Member Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Chair), Alameda County

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas recognized the new Board Members, Vice Mayor Melissa Hernandez from the City of Dublin, Council Member Sol Jobrack from the City of Stockton, and Council Member Bob Woerner from the City of Livermore representing the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority.

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.

No Public Comments.

4. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting – **ACTION**

Approved: Marchand/O'Loane

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

No: None

Abstain: Moorhead

Absent: Haggerty, Jobrack

5. Executive Director Report – **INFORMATION**

[Sol Jobrack, Councilmember from City of Stockton arrived during the Executive Director Report.]

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Executive Directors Report PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree acknowledged Governor Newsom's State of the State editorial comments on High Speed Rail. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that Governor Newsom stated that High Speed Rail will be focused on a Valley-to-Valley connection from Bakersfield to Merced and regional rail services will provide connections into the Bay Area and Los Angeles area. Executive Director Michael Tree also highlighted that the Rail Authority is fully staffed and that 15% of the draft design is completed. Michael Tree also informed that they ran into some issues with straightening the tracks in the Altamont Corridor and the Grant Line in-fill Station, due to conservation easements and a supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) may be needed in the future. Executive Director Michael Tree noted that the Valley Link Video Production is on schedule to be completed in March, that staff working with Caltrans and ACTC regarding I-580, and that funding is coming together for government relations services. The Rail Authority is on track to have the Feasibility Impact Report approved in June 2019 and the final environmental Impact Report (EIR) adopted and certified in late summer 2019. The 30% design would be done in early Fall of 2019.

This was informational only.

6. Treasurer's Report – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors and notified that the Director of Finance Tamara Edwards was in attendance.

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

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 December 2018.

Approved: Akinjo/McPartland

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

No: None

Abstain: Moorhead

Absent: Haggerty

7. Valley Link Potential Funding Sources – **INFORMATION**

AECOM Program Manager Diane Cowin provided the Board of Directors a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Valley Link Potential Funding Sources. The preliminary Capital Costs were estimated at \$1.8 billion in 2018. AECOM Program Manager Diane Cowin highlighted the potential capital funding sources at the federal, state, and local level. Valley Link currently has \$588 million in capital funds, but the goal is \$1.8 billion. AECOM Program Manager Diane Cowin informed that the preliminary annual Operating and Maintenance (O&M) cost estimate was \$39.8 million in 2018. Noted during the presentation was the potential federal, state and local sources for funding the O&M. AECOM Program Manager Diane Cowin went over each funding source and how they work. Valley Link has identified \$17.6 million (farebox recovery only), but the goal is \$39.8 million.

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

This was informational only.

8. Update on Outreach for Station Area Planning – **INFORMATION**

Noe Noyola from MIG provided the Board of Directors a PowerPoint presentation regarding an Update on Outreach for Station Area Planning. Noe Noyola informed that a station area workshop will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Mountain House Community Center from 10:30am to 12:00pm and . The workshop will focus on the project and issues such as the Mountain House Station versus the in-fill station. On February 23, 2019 there will be a workshop and open house at Tracy Transit Station from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Nearby the Tracy Transit Station there is a Winter Farmers Market and staff will have a booth for further public outreach. For a broader reach an electronic Commuter Rail Survey was launched for individuals unable to attend a workshop. The Commuter Rail Survey is a map based survey that will allow the user to provide details of their trip, request for improvements or amenities, and have preference setting capabilities. Noe Noyola is also working on a briefing book that will assist the Executive Director in discussions with legislatures to promote the product. Interviews will be conducted with the disadvantaged communities along the corridor to understand barriers that may exist.

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

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

Realtor Wendy Benavides, informed that she is with Central Valley Association of Realtors - Manteca Council and invited the Rail Authority to come speak to the Manteca Council regarding the Valley Link project.

This was informational only.

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

Board Member Karen Stepper commented that Marianne Payne did an excellent job providing the Exchange Club (National Service Club) an update/briefing today as the Rail Strategic Planner and Developer.

10. Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2019 at Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.