

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:02pm.

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas requested a moment of silence and respect for Technical Advisory Committee Member Anthony Docto and provided her deepest condolences to the Mountain House Community.

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas also acknowledged and welcomed new Board Member Benjamin Cantu from the City of Manteca

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

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 (arrived at 2:30pm)
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Chair Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
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.

No comments.

4. Approve Minutes of September 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting – **ACTION**

Approved: Marchand/Zuber
Aye: Elliott, Marchand, Vargas, Akinjo, Zuber, O’Loane, Woerner, Hernandez, Cantu, McPartland, Stepper, Tingle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Jobrack, Thorne, Haggerty

5. Treasurer’s Report – **ACTION**

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's Report for August 2019.

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

There were no public comments.

Approved: McPartland\Hernandez

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Thorne, Haggerty

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

[Director Philip O'Loane, from City of San Ramon, arrived during Executive Director's Report.]

Executive Director Michael Tree provided a presentation of the Executive Director's Report to the Board of Directors. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that Valley Link staff, BART's executive staff, and General Manager Bob Powers are working closely with each other and noted how appreciative he is. Also noted were the following briefings, meetings, and workshops: Executive Steering Committee, Assemblymember Eggman, and City of Tracy/Chamber of Commerce One World Event.

Executive Director Michael Tree gave a follow-up on the Request to Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to amend the Expenditure Plan of Measure BB. After the Board meeting on September 11, 2019 staff received notice from ACTC that the Rail Authority does not need concurrence from BART in regard to the request. The letter was modified as approved by the Board and sent to ACTC.

Executive Director Michael Tree highlighted FASTER Bay Area and informed that the key organizers (Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and SPUR) continue to have public discussions regarding the emerging measure. Executive Director Michael Tree provided the current Altamont Corridor Vision Fact Sheet and list of Letters of Support received to the Board of Directors.

Executive Director Michael Tree also provided an update on the Valley Link EIR, which staff anticipates will be available for public comment by the end of the calendar year.

Executive Director Michael Tree requested Don Perata to provide updates on Government Relations. Don Perata informed the Board of Directors that the Governor in Sacramento has until Friday to sign legislation bills and has not vetoed many bills. Don Perata stated that the governor's administration is looking at the Central Valley in a positive way, which is beneficial for Valley Link. Don Perata provided an overview and history on High Speed Rail and local revenue options and the politics of FASTER Bay Area.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas requested Don Perata's written strategy (roadmap) for the Board of Directors. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas also supported adding to the list of strategy items to feature San Joaquin County, in addition to opportunities to work with the legislature on funding. Executive Director Michael Tree suggested that

the Board Chair can create an ad hoc committee to work with Advocacy Marketing and Don Perata on such strategy.

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

Mr. Bey with Eclipse Electric of California and Community Activist stated that this is a great project and spoke regarding Don Perata being one of the best lobbyists he knows and that Mr. Perata will deliver.

This was informational only.

7. Final Feasibility Report – **ACTION**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided background of the Draft Feasibility Report and noted that there were over 140 comments received regarding the Draft Feasibility Report. The comments and proposed responses were reviewed and discussed at September's Board meeting and then incorporated into the Final Feasibility Report. Executive Director Michael Tree introduced AECOM Transportation Planning Manager Ryan Park to the Board of Directors. AECOM Transportation Planning Manager Ryan Park provided the Final Feasibility Report presentation to the Board of Directors. AECOM Transportation Planning Manager Ryan Park gave an overview of the major changes that were made by chapter (the presentation provided a more in-depth review), as follows:

- Ch. 6: Detail on BART coordination, potential core system impacts and capacity analysis included are now included in the report
- Ch. 12: Updated the capital costs and operations & maintenance costs to present them in terms of low and high providing a range, as well as presenting the cost in terms of the year of expenditure (YOE)
- Ch. 13: Funding plan updates based on updated potential sources and updated costs and schedule
- Ch. 14: Revised schedule based on updated timing of funding sources; schedule shown in ranges
- Ch. 15: Update on analysis underway with the Valley Link Executive Steering Committee on organizational structure and governance. It was noted that when the complete analysis is complete it will be an addendum to the Final Feasibility Report.
- Ch. 16: Conclusion & Next Steps in the report.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas informed that SJCOG is working with Caltrans on the expansion of I-205 and a study looking into transit in the median and that this work would be of interest to the Authority. Vice Chair Veronica Vargas also requested more context with source information included for Chapter 8.

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

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore resident, spoke regarding a request to deal with Right-of-Way (ROW) now versus widening the freeway again in 2040 and concerns regarding FASTER Bay Area and citizen oversight.

The Board of Director's approved the Valley Link Final Feasibility Report and direct staff to distribute the report as directed by Public Utilities Code Section 132661, as adopted by Assembly Bill 758, and

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- Provide a project feasibility report to the public, to be posted on the authority's Internet Web site, on the plans for the development and implementation of transit connectivity in the Tri-Valley region.
- Submit the report to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the governing board of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the governing board of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, the policy committees of each house of the Legislature with jurisdiction over transportation policy matters, and the Transportation Agency.

Approved: Akinjo\Hernandez

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jobrack, Thorne, Haggerty

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

Vice Chair Veronica Vargas formerly requested Executive Director Michael Tree to prepare a letter of request to amend the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) transportation plan to include Valley Link Rail (Tri-Valley Hub) as a priority project for our County and to place this as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date: November 13, 2019 at Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA 94550

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.