

**Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Minutes of Board Meeting on September 18, 2024**

**Tracy City Hall, Council Chambers
333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, CA 95376**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 10:36 a.m. Chair Melissa Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Oaths of Office

The following board members were sworn in by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

- Melissa Hernandez, BART
- Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin

2. Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum

Members Present - In-Person

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy
Director David Hudson, San Ramon
Director Bernice King-Tingle, Mountain House
Director John Marchand, City of Livermore
Director Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin
Director Jose Nuño, City of Manteca (*joined during item #3*)
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Julie Testa, LAVTA (*joined during item #3*)
Director Leo Zuber, ACE
Vice Chair Dan Wright, City of Stockton (*joined during item #3*)
Chair Melissa Hernandez, BART

Members Present – Remote

None

Members Absent

Director David Haubert, Alameda County
Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin

3. Public Comments

Public comment was made by Roland Lebrun, Dale Brandes, Vannie Dart, Wendy Tocchini, Tatiana Brif, Alice English and Pat Brandes.

4. Consent Agenda – ACTION

Motion to approve all items on Consent as follows:

- Minutes of June 12, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
- Treasurer's Reports for March to May 2024
- Reschedule remaining 2024 Board of Directors Meetings

Directors discussed these items. There was no public comment.

Motion: Marchand/Hudson

Aye : Akinjo, Bedolla, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Marchand, McCorriston, Nuño, Stepper, Testa, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

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Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Nibert, Rickman

Motion Passed

5. **Approve Amended resolution R07-2024 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute and submit an allocation request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Bridge Toll funding to support ongoing project development activities – ACTION**

Deputy Director, Wil Ridder requested that the board approve Resolution R07-2024, Initial Project Report, and Allocation Request to access an additional \$3 million in MTC Bridge Toll funds to support ongoing project development activities. Once approved staff will transmit the allocation request package to MTC for approval at its upcoming commission meetings in October 2024. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

Motion: Marchand/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Bedolla, Hernandez, Hudson, King-Tingle, Marchand, McCorriston, Nuño, Stepper, Testa, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Nibert, Rickman

Motion Passed

6. **Right of Way Update – INFORMATION**

Executive Director/CEO Kevin Sheridan discussed the upcoming right of way activities in late 2024 and 2025. Rickey Rodriguez from Monument was introduced and was available. This process is regulated by several Federal and State laws and guidelines. It can be broken into the following phases: Survey, Design, Appraisal, Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Eminent Domain. As recipients of federal funds, the Authority's real estate acquisition and relocation activities must adhere to all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

At a future board meeting, staff will present overview of the right of way acquisitions necessary for the project and request the board delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and sign all necessary right of way and utility documents up to the approved budget. Directors discussed item. Public comment was made by Roland LeBrun.

Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

Sheridan gave an oral report advising that SB1068 sponsored by Senator Eggman was signed by Governor Newsom. This bill gives the Authority the ability to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method when contracting for the construction of project.

On July 24 staff held an Industry Outreach workshop to discuss construction of the Valley Link project, in Pleasanton where 48 vendors attended to learn more and ask questions about Valley Link and the future construction on Interstate 580.

7. **Directors' Discussion – Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests**

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Director Bedolla thanked staff for putting together the luncheon in Tracy. Director Akinjo stated that he has been reassuring interested parties in the project's progress that Valley Link is on track. Director King-Tingle thanked staff for consistently providing project updates when requested by the Mountain House Community.

8. **Upcoming Meeting Details**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024 at 2 p.m. at a location to be determined.

9. **Meeting Adjourn** to Luncheon

The meeting adjourned without any objections at 11:44 a.m.

- **LUNCHEON: Advancing Hydrogen Electrification and Deployment (AHEAD)**
Tracy Community Center
950 East St, Tracy, CA 95376