

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Altamont Regional Rail Working Group

DATE: November 9, 2016
PLACE: Diana Lauterback Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore, CA
TIME: 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Working Group Members:

Alameda County – Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
San Joaquin County – Supervisor Moses Zapien, Vice Chair
City of Dublin – Mayor David Haubert
City of Livermore – Mayor John Marchand
City of Pleasanton – Mayor Jerry Thorne
City of Tracy – Councilmember Veronica Vargas
ACE – Board Member Vince Hernandez (Manteca)
BART – Board Member John McPartland
LAVTA – Board Member Steven Spedowfski (Livermore)
Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group – Dale Kaye, CEO
East Bay Leadership Group – Josh Huber, Policy Director
San Joaquin Partnership – Michael Ammann, CEO

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Scott Haggerty called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Chair), Alameda County
Councilmember Don Biddle, City of Dublin (alternate for David Haubert)
Mayor John Marchand, City of Livermore
Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton
Councilmember Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Board Member John McPartland, BART
Board Member Steven Spedowfski (Livermore), LAVTA
CEO Dale Kaye, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group
Policy Director Josh Huber, East Bay Leadership Group
CEO Michael Ammann, San Joaquin Partnership

Members Absent

Supervisor Moses Zapien (Vice Chair), San Joaquin County
Mayor David Haubert, City of Dublin
Board Member Vince Hernandez (Manteca), ACE

3. Public Comment

Robert S. Allen

Mr. Allen urged the Altamont Regional Rail Working Group to support ABLE Commute an express Monday through Friday route connecting the future Isabel BART station site with every BART train from early morning through the evening commute hour. It would serve as a model for similar routes linking all daytime Monday-Friday BART trains to park/ride sites at Greenville, ACE, and even further east for the ten years or so until BART rail is extended to and beyond Livermore.

4. Minutes

Approved: Marchand/Vargas

Aye: Haggerty, Zapien, Biddle, Marchand, Vargas, McPartland, Spedowski, Thorne

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zapien, Haubert, Hernandez

5. Executive Director's Report

a. Update on Member Agencies approving a resolution in support of a BART/ACE connection in the Tri-Valley

Executive Director Michael Tree updated the Altamont Regional Rail Working Group (ARRWG) on Member Agencies approving a resolution in support of a BART/ACE connection in the Tri-Valley. Michael Tree noted that almost half of the ARRWG members have taken the resolution to their member agencies and received approvals. The other half of the ARRWG members have identified dates that the resolution will be presented at their member agencies for consideration. Michael Tree provided the ARRWG with the resolution and sample staff report in case they did not receive one.

b. Update on Recruitment for Executive

Executive Director Michael Tree provided an update on the recruitment for the Executive Consultant. LAVTA submitted to the public a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Executive Consultant position and received three qualified proposals. The last ARRWG meeting gave direction for Supervisor Scott Haggerty to interview with Supervisor Moses Zapien in regard to bringing onboard an Executive Consultant for the ARRWG. Supervisor Moses Zapien was unavailable to attend the interview, so Councilmember Veronica Vargas from Tracy stepped in to assist with the interviews. All three candidates were interviewed and the preferred and most qualified candidate is from One Vision Enterprises, LLC. The person that will take the lead for that firm is Frank Wilson. Discussion have been entered into with Frank Wilson regarding signing a professional services agreement and currently minuscule indemnity details are being worked through. Frank Wilson plans to attend the next working group meeting in December. Executive Director Michael Tree provided the ARRWG a candidate profile of Frank Wilson for review.

After the Update on Recruitment for Executive, Agenda Item 7 and 8 were moved up on the agenda for the convenience of the group in managing the balance of the meeting.

7. Standing Updates:

a. ACE Forward

Manager of Regional Initiatives Dan Leavitt noted that ACE forward in September had several town hall meetings in San Joaquin County and is looking at a release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by the end of this year. Dan Leavitt also stated that the ACE Board took action on October 14, 2016 and unanimously approved the BART/ACE resolution.

Veronica Vargas requested that the Draft EIR stages be explained and what has been studied. Dan Leavitt said that the EIR was fully funded over the last two years and are approaching having the full admin draft anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. The draft EIR is a full document that includes both Project and Program level work. The Project Level work is for the improvements needed to get ACE up to six daily round trips and to extend ACE to Modesto. The Program Level is the improvement needed to get ACE up to ten daily round trips between Stockton and San Jose and to further extend ACE to Merced and that will include the BART/ACE connection in the Tri-Valley. In addition ACE is also looking at a potential connection in the Union City area to BART as part of the Program Level evaluation. Dan Leavitt stated that all the options presented to the ARRWG are part of the environmental document that will be made public at the end of the year.

8. Presentation on BART to Isabel

John McPartland, BART Board Member, arrived during the presentation on BART to Isabel.

BART Principal Planner Andrew Tang provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the BART to Isabel project. Andrew Tang briefly stated that the presentation will cover history of the project, the alternatives that are being evaluated, preliminary ridership numbers for each alternative, update on the project cost and funding, and the project status and timeline. The draft document release will be in the spring of 2017.

6. Review of BART and State Election Returns

Lou Hexter of Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc provided the ARRWG a review of BART and State Election Returns. BART Measure RR passed with 70 percent in favor. Assembly Member Catharine Baker was reelected. Lou Hexter also highlighted the BART Board election results: District 1 is new elect Deborah Allen; District 3 reelected Rebecca Saltzman; District 5 reelected John McPartland; District 7 is new elect Lateefah Simon; District 9 is new elect Bevan Dufty. Lou Hexter requested a discussion on how these changes impact the ARRWG.

BART Board Member John McPartland said this is why we have the ARRWG, because they already have operations in action with the vast majority of funding and that leaves the Isabel extension in great shape. Measure RR helps take the pressure off. John McPartland noted that with new BART Board Members it will make things more difficult to extend BART to Isabel, but that makes it more imperative for the Joint Powers Authority to be created. John McPartland explained that he now has to gain the support of the newly elected group of BART directors.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty noted that he received a letter via email from BART that had BART member John McPartland cc'd with promises, but in return Supervisor Haggerty had to stay out of the Measure RR Bond election. Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated that he did stay out of the Measure RR Bond election and expects BART to deliver on their promises. BART Board Member John McPartland did acknowledge BART's email with promises and told Supervisor Scott Haggerty with his proponent on the inside make sure that it happens.

9. Next steps

Supervisor Scott Haggerty requested that the next meeting be held at a Tracy location and the date TBD in December. Supervisor Scott Haggerty also requested that the ARRWG meetings be monthly versus bi-monthly. All members agreed to a monthly meeting. Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated Frank Wilson is a game changer for the ARRWG and will hit the ground running. Mr. Wilson is a great asset, because he understands transportation of all modes and has the ability to understand BART.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty requested to agendize an election for a Vice Chair, since Supervisor Moses Zapien is no longer part of the ARRWG.

10. Adjournment. The next meeting date is scheduled for January 11, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.