

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Altamont Regional Rail Working Group

DATE: September 14, 2016
PLACE: Diana Lauterback Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore, CA
TIME: 2:30pm – 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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Working Group Vice Chair Moses Zapien called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Chair), Alameda County
Supervisor Moses Zapien (Vice Chair), San Joaquin 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 Vince Hernandez (Manteca), ACE
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

Mayor David Haubert, City of Dublin

3. Public Comment

Dale Kaye, CEO, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, arrived during the Public Comment.

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen requested that the second sentence of the minutes be revised to say the following “Also, Robert Allen urges that BART be extended ultimately to I-580 Grant Line Road interchange.” Mr. Allen would also like the interchange to be called Scott Haggerty Drive, because there are two Grant Line Road interchanges that are unrelated.

4. Minutes

Approved: Marchand/Thorne

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

5. Standing Updates:

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County, arrived during the Standing Updates.

a. ACE Forward

Manager of Regional Initiatives Dan Leavitt noted that during the August ACE Board meeting the presentation regarding ridership, cost information, and various alternatives connecting ACE to BART was presented. That information is now available on ACE’s website. The draft environmental document will be released by the end of November 2016 and the final to be completed by June 2017. The ACE Board had discussions regarding connecting ACE and BART, and it appears that all of the ACE Board members support that connection. The ACE Board would like Altamont Regional Rail Working Group (ARRWG) to come back with language in terms of a resolution for the ACE Board to sign as a proclamation of support.

b. BART to Isabel EIR Update

Chief Planning and Development Officer of BART Val Menotti presented the BART to Isabel Environmental Impact Report (EIR) update. BART is evaluating four build alternatives in the corridor; two are rail focused and two are bus focused (BART, DMU/EMU, Express Bus/BRT, and Enhanced Bus). BART has completed the ridership analysis and is looking at vehicle miles traveled. They have also completed conceptual engineering and have looked at Right of Way (ROW) needs. There has also been coordination with the City of Livermore on traffic analysis around Isabel and with Dan Leavitt/ACE (San Joaquin Rail).

Veronica Vargas asked why BART is at a slower pace than ACE regarding the EIR timeline. Ms. Vargas also pointed out additional requests from BART for funding on the EIR. Mr. Menotti explained that BART's EIR is a very detailed analysis and it is project level versus programmatic. Mr. Menotti also noted that coordinating with other entities and the detailed analysis has extended the length of time for the EIR.

Mr. Menotti proceeded with the presentation and noted that the Draft EIR will be released early 2017. Then work with the stakeholders and public towards a recommended alternative mid 2017 and the final EIR will be released late 2017.

6. Northern California Megaregion Report by Bay Area Council Economic Institute

Research Manager of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute Jeff Bellisario presented the Northern California Megaregion Report. The megaregion project/funding partners for this report were the Alameda County Transportation Commission, ACE, The Cambay Group Inc., Capitol Corridor, Greater Sacramento California, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, San Joaquin Partnership, UC Davis University of California, SACOG, San Joaquin Council of Governments, University of the Pacific, and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority. Twelve of the 16 fastest growing cities in the megaregion are located in Sacramento area and the Northern San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Bellisario discussed the Bay Area in detail noting that the area has had 75% job growth since 2010 with far fewer new housing starts. The result is homes in the Bay Area are three times more expensive than Northern San Joaquin Valley and significantly more traffic between the Northern San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area on the I-580.

The ARRWG was very appreciative of the report given and appreciated the details provided. Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked how many reports have been distributed and that he would like to have print copies of the new report. Mr. Bellisario responded that only one hundred reports have been distributed and that the new version is on their website. Councilmember Veronica Vargas stated that this report is a great teaching tool and may request the report to be presented to Tracy. Supervisor Moses Zapien extended an invitation on behalf of the San Joaquin Council of Governments for a presentation of the report. CEO Dale Kaye suggested that an event to discuss the BART to ACE connection and the report presented would be a wonderful idea.

After the Northern California Megaregion Report, Agenda Item 10 was moved up on the agenda for the convenience of the group in managing the balance of the meeting.

10. Working Group Action Items

- a. Develop Resolution of Support for BART to ACE

Executive Director Michael Tree presented a draft resolution to the Working Group for purpose of having each respective member agencies consider adoption of the resolution. The resolution was approved by the Working Group.

Approved: McPartland/Marchand

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

7. Legislative Update

Legislative Director Faith Lane representing Assemblywoman Baker's Office provided a brief update on Assembly Bill (AB) 2762. The Regular Legislative Session concluded two weeks ago and did not see movement on AB 2762. They may see a call of the Transportation Special Session with movement for AB 2762 which may take place after November, due to the election. Faith Lane thanked everyone for their support.

8. BART and ACE Project Review

This item was moved to a future agenda.

9. Update on Recruitment for Executive

Executive Director Michael Tree provided an update on the Recruitment of the Executive Consultant. MTC is working their way through funding for the recruitment of this position. The Program & Allocation committee voted this morning to move it to the full MTC commission for approval. This position is posted as a Request for Proposals (RFP) and closes on September 19, 2016. LAVTA has received good inquiries regarding the RFP. The Working Group gave direction for the Working Group Chair and Vice Chair to interview the top candidates and select a new Executive.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty noted that BART Board members are calling MTC Commissioners to not support the Executive Consulting position and he requested that if anyone knows MTC Commissioners to please call and ask for their support.

11. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for November 9, 2016

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.