

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Unique Opportunity – Executive Consultant for Rail Planning and Project Delivery (Livermore, California)

How would you like to work for a progressive transit agency in the beautiful California Bay Area? The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is proud to advertise this Executive Consultant position for regional rail planning and project delivery in Livermore, California.

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority provides bus service for the Tri-Valley area, connecting communities while easing congestion, reducing pollution, and making the region a better place to live. The agency is also actively engaged in regional rail planning and project delivery, with BART and ACE Rail currently providing service to the area.



In the Tri-Valley, thousands ride transit daily – with commute volumes from the Tri-Valley to San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties increasing 66% since 2007. With the Tri-Valley growing at a faster rate than the Bay Area as a whole, near-future transportation investments are crucial and will yield significant economic benefits for the entire mega-region.

The Organization

Created by a joint powers agreement in 1985, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) provides area-wide transit services to the cities of Dublin (population 49,890), Livermore (population 86,870), and Pleasanton (population 69,829) and unincorporated areas of Alameda County. This area is located in East Alameda, which is part of the metropolitan area of San Francisco. The LAVTA Board of Directors consists of two elected officials from each city and one member of the County Board of Supervisors. LAVTA is currently supported by a \$15.8 million budget and 15 full-time employees. The Authority contracts with MV Transit to provide bus operations, with a fleet of 60 vehicles.

The Altamont Regional Rail Working Group

In October of 2015, LAVTA created the Altamont Regional Rail Working Group for the purpose of providing input on regional rail planning taking place in the area, and to explore ways to expedite the BART to ACE connection, with BART to Isabel in Livermore being the first phase of this important mega-region project.

BART to Livermore has been a project being studied for 40 years, with the original Livermore Pleasanton BART Extension Study Final Report being released in 1976. More recently, BART is currently involved in further environmental analysis of the project and anticipates the draft EIR for BART to Isabel to be released in early 2017.



The Working Group is currently exploring ways to form a single purpose entity that can both plan and deliver the BART to ACE rail connection. The single



focus entity would take advantage of project streamlining for lower costs and shorter delivery time. Additionally, the Working Group envisions the single purpose entity succeeding with funding strategies, as the entity will allow all interests in the mega-region to speak in one voice.

AB2762 (Baker) in the California State Legislature is designed to provide the statutory authority for the creation of the Altamont Regional Rail Authority for the purpose of both planning and constructing the BART to ACE connection.

The following are current members of the Working Group:

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
San Joaquin County Supervisor Moses Zapien, Vice-Chair
Mayor John Marchand, City of Livermore
Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton
Mayor David Haubert, City of Dublin
Councilwoman Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Board Member Vince Hernandez, ACE Rail
Board Member John McPartland, BART
Board Member Steven Spedowfski, LAVTA
Dale Kaye, CEO, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group
Kristin Connelley, CEO, East Bay Leadership Council
Michael Ammann, CEO, San Joaquin Partnership

The Executive Consultant Position

Reporting directly to the Executive Director, the Executive Consultant will provide the overall leadership and direction to advance the Working Group vision, goals and objectives. The position manages Working Group staff, consultants and contractors to provide effective and efficient transportation planning and construction.

He or she will participate as a member of LAVTA's Executive Team and will be responsible for developing policies for the Working Group and identifying and developing short, medium, and long-range strategies to ensure progress of the Working Group in regional rail planning, with a strong emphasis on expediting the planning and construction of BART to ACE.



The successful candidate will be a strong leader with a demonstrated history of assembling funding and political resolve to move rail projects forward without delay and under budget. He or she will lead with vigor and enthusiasm and be sole focused on the objectives of the Working Group.

In addition, the Executive Consultant will:

- Provide leadership for the mega-region mobility agenda and coordinate mega-region significant projects and programs by working collaboratively with partners
- Aggressively seek favorable policy and funding from mega-region, state and federal agencies
- Skillfully seek favorable legislation and funding from the State of California and Federal Government
- Provide overall direction to ensure the safe delivery of quality projects on-time and within budget
- Work closely with local elected officials, business organizations, labor and community groups to form coalitions that advocate for regional mobility interests
- Direct the conduct of studies, investigations, and analyses at the direction of the Working Group, presenting oral and written reports of findings and recommendations.
- Balance future infrastructure needs that integrate transit oriented development opportunities effectively and that respects community and stakeholder needs
- Exercise fiscal responsibility and provides the framework for developing strategies to work within financial constraints
- Recommend the annual budget to the Executive Director that prudently manages resources within budget guidelines and in compliance with current laws, regulations and adopted policies
- Effectively communicate and advocates the agency's goals, objectives and accomplishments to local, regional, national and international media, stakeholders and constituencies
- Manage staff in developing, monitoring and adhering to Working Group policies/procedures, budget and achieving goals and objectives

The position requires a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, Transportation, or a related field plus a minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible experience in an executive or senior-level position (the equivalent in education and experience may be considered).

Livermore, California

Livermore is a city in Alameda County, California, in the United States. With an estimated 2014 population of 86,870, Livermore is the most populous city in the Tri-Valley. Livermore is located on the eastern edge of California's San Francisco Bay Area.

Livermore was founded by William Mendenhall and named after Robert Livermore, his friend and a local rancher who settled in the area in the 1840s. Livermore is the home of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, for which the chemical element livermorium is named (and thus, placing the city's name in the periodic table). Livermore is also the California site of Sandia National Laboratories, which is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Its south side is home to local vineyards. The city has redeveloped its downtown district and is considered part of the Tri-Valley area, comprising Amador, Livermore and San Ramon valleys.



Geography

The Livermore Valley is located about 30 miles (48 km) east of and behind the first coastal range of foothills that surround the San Francisco Bay Area. The Livermore Valley has an east-west orientation with mountain passes on the west and east connecting the Bay Area and the Central Valley. The passes are used by railroads and highways to connect the two regions. Livermore Valley is about 15 miles (24 km) long (east to west), 10 miles (16 km) wide (north to south), and surrounded by California coastal range mountains and foothills.



Climate

Livermore has a Mediterranean climate, although it is close to a semi-arid climate because of its relatively low annual precipitation. It features warm to hot, dry summers and mild to cool, wet winters. Summer daytime temperatures average in the 75 to 85 °F range, but sometimes reach 100 °F. Summer nights, however, are normally much cooler, with lows in the 50 to 60 °F range.

Culture

Livermore's culture retains some vestiges of the farming, wine growing and ranching traditions that have existed in the valley since the time of Robert Livermore, but now largely reflects a suburban population. Since 1918, Livermore has each June hosted the Livermore Rodeo, called the "World's Fastest Rodeo", that claims it has more riders per hour than any other event of its type. There are several wine-tasting tours of the Livermore area wineries that occur periodically throughout the summer.

Livermore has a strong blue-collar element, as well as many professionals who work at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and other work sites in the high tech industries in Tri-Valley and within the Bay Area. Recent housing development has included the addition of hundreds of million-dollar homes set among the south side's vineyards, as well as a multimillion-dollar renovation of the downtown area. Renovations included office buildings, the Livermore Cinemas, the Bankhead Theatre, and a multistory parking structure. The Livermore Civic Center includes a state-of-the-art library that opened in 2004, with a front mosaic by Maria Alquilar.



Livermore has several golf courses located near the city: Las Positas municipal golf course, and the 18 hole Poppy Ridge and Wente Vineyards courses. Livermore Municipal Airport (LVK) is accessible to business jets, serving the entire Tri-Valley area. Each summer Livermore has a farmer's market, which bring farm-fresh produce directly to the consumer.

Arts organizations supported by the city include the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Del Valle Fine Arts, producer of classical music events, and in the valley at large, the Valley Concert Chorale, Livermore Valley Opera, the Valley Dance Theatre, a classical ballet company and the Livermore Art Association. There are over fifty places of worship in Livermore.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

This is an annual service contract in an amount to be determined based on the Executive Consultant's qualifications. The successful firm of the Executive Consultant shall be paid for services rendered and invoiced each month, unless otherwise agreed upon between LAVTA and the firm. Proposers are expected to estimate the price for services per year and complete Form B: Pricing Summary. The annual budget for this contract is \$330,000. This amount includes \$15,000 for travel expenses.

TERM OF CONTRACT

The contract would be valid for two years from the effective date. It is anticipated, however, that there is long-term need for the services.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Details regarding the Request for Proposals/Qualifications can be found here:

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