

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: ACEforward Presentation

FROM: Executive Director

DATE: September 14, 2015

Action Requested

This agenda item is informational only.

Background

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission has launched its effort to modernize the existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train and rail service. ACEforward is focused on near-term improvements in the existing corridor and on local leadership.

Near-term ACEforward improvements include offering more service to communities (6 daily roundtrips by 2018 and 10 daily round-trips by 2022) and safety improvements such as grade crossings and additional track in key locations. SJRRC is also planning to extend ACE service to downtowns of Manteca, Modesto, Turlock, and Merced, and is investigating potential stations in downtown Tracy, Ripon, Ceres, Livingston or Atwater, and a new Lathrop station at River Islands.

The goal of ACEforward is to help reduce highway congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Improving connectivity with BART in the Tri-Valley as well as the East Bay and other transit services and connecting service to high-speed rail are also ACEforward goals.

More information on ACEforward is available on their website at <http://www.acerail.com/About/Public-Projects/ACEforward>

Presentation

Staff from the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission will be present at the September 14th LAVTA Board meeting to provide a brief presentation and answer questions.

Submitted by: _____