



# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

## Master Minute Order

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Agenda  
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Regular Meeting

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**ded Action:** Consider receiving a presentation on the Valley Link project and provide direction to the District's representative on the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) regarding the vote to set a 45-day comment period on a request for an amendment to Measure BB, which would replace BART with Valley Link as the recipient of \$400 million in funds.

Item requested by E Ortiz. Item moved from April to June per Elsa.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

**Attachments:** STAFF REPORT, Att.1. ACTC Memorandum - Valley Link Amendment, Att.1a. Bike East Bay Comments to ACTC Re Valley Link, Att.1b. Bay Area Transportation Working Group Letter to ACTC Re Valley Link, Att.1c. Sierra Club Letter to ACTC Re Valley Link, Att.2. Valley Link Presentation, 5-28-20 ACTC Agenda Item 8.1 - Valley Link

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### History of Legislative File

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	05/27/2020	Direction given				Pass
<b>Action Text:</b> MOTION: WILLIAMS/WALLACE to direct Vice President Ortiz to vote to support the opening of the 45 day comment period. The motion carried by the following vote:						
<b>Notes:</b> Vice President Ortiz introduced the item, saying that the item before the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) was controversial and warranted discussion and direction from the full Board on how to vote on the matter before the ACTC to permit a 45 day comment period concerning various actions related to the Valley Link Project. She then turned the presentation over to Tess Lengyel, Executive Director of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, and Michael Tree, Executive Director of the Tri Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRA).						

Ms. Lengyel opened the presentation by recapping past efforts to extend BART to Livermore and talked about the creation of the TVSJRRRA. She further introduced Mr. Tree who gave an overview of the Valley Link project and efforts to reduce commuter traffic/congestion coming from the San Joaquin Valley on Interstate 580. He discussed the creation of the TVSJVRRA and provided more specifics on their request to reallocate \$400 million of Measure BB funds to the Valley Link Project. Ms. Lengyel concluded the presentation with an overview of the process to amend the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan to include the project in the plan.

Members of the Board inquired about various aspects of the project, including the alignment; duplication of service with ACE; the availability of origin/destination data; use of rail to transport freight instead of people; project funding and the funding plan, and whether the funding for the project would impact any monies that AC Transit might receive.

Director Harper commented that he was skeptical of yet another iteration of a rail project for the Tri-Valley without taking a fresh look at transit in the area.

Director Shaw commented that while she supports finding ways to get people out of their cars, it was important to address the concerns that have been raised thus far (and throughout the comment period) before a decision is made in September.

**Public Comment:**

Pat Pirus spoke about the letter submitted by the Sierra Club requesting that the direction given to Vice President/Commissioner Ortiz be to table further consideration of the Valley Link Project until all the questions raised thus far have received a response. She further commented that there has not been support for Measure BB by voters in the Tri-Valley, nor has an environmental document been produced that could inform comments/decisions about the project.

MOTION: PEEPLES/HARPER to direct Vice President Ortiz to vote to delay the opening of the 45 day comment period until the questions that have already been asked get responded to so people can formulate better questions during the comment period. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Peeples, Harper, Wallace

**Nayes:** Williams, Shaw, Ortiz

**Abstain:** Young

Ayes: 5 President Wallace, Vice President Ortiz, Director Shaw, Director Williams, Director Young  
Nayes: 2 Director Harper, Director Peeples