

**Valley Link Rail Project Phase 1
Livermore, CA
New Starts Project Development
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The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) proposes to construct a 26-mile passenger rail line in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties in California. The Project includes construction of the line with four stations, an operations and maintenance facility in the City of Tracy, and the purchase of ten multiple-unit hybrid rail cars to operate the service. The project would connect the Dublin/Pleasanton Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station in Alameda County to two stations in Livermore and the Mountain House station in San Joaquin County, traversing Altamont Pass. The total estimated capital cost is approximately \$1.8 billion. The Authority anticipates seeking approximately \$450 million (25 percent) from the CIG program.

The Project intends to provide a reliable transit alternative to worsening congestion for the more than 105,000 Bay Area workers, commuting daily from the Northern San Joaquin Valley through the constrained Interstate 580 (I-580) corridor over Altamont Pass, and enhancing mobility within the Tri-Valley area including Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. Since 2015, San Joaquin County has had the second fastest population growth in the State of California, while at the same time being ranked in the “Top 10” nationally for its percentage of residents with a commuting time over 90 minutes. Overall traffic on I-580 is projected to increase by an estimated 60 percent from 2016 through 2040 and truck traffic is expected to increase by 58 percent which will cause significant delays and congestion. The Project is expected to relieve congestion and improve commute time significantly while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions.

The Authority adopted the locally preferred alternation (LPA) into fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in October 2021. The Authority anticipates completing project development activities by Summer 2024. Other key milestones include, anticipated NEPA Completion and selection of LPA in Summer 2024, receive approval to enter New Starts Engineering by Summer 2024, receive full funding grant agreement in 2025, and anticipate the start of revenue service in 2028.

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