



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE VALLEY LINK RAIL PROJECT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is issuing this Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise other agencies and the public that a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Valley Link Rail Project is available for review and comment. The Draft SEIR, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), analyzes potential environmental effects associated with revisions to previously analyzed improvements included in the Valley Link Rail Project Final EIR approved by the Authority on May 12, 2021. The Draft SEIR is available for review on the project website: www.getvalleylinked.com. Copies of the Draft SEIR are also available for review at the following locations:

Livermore Public Library
1188 S. Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA

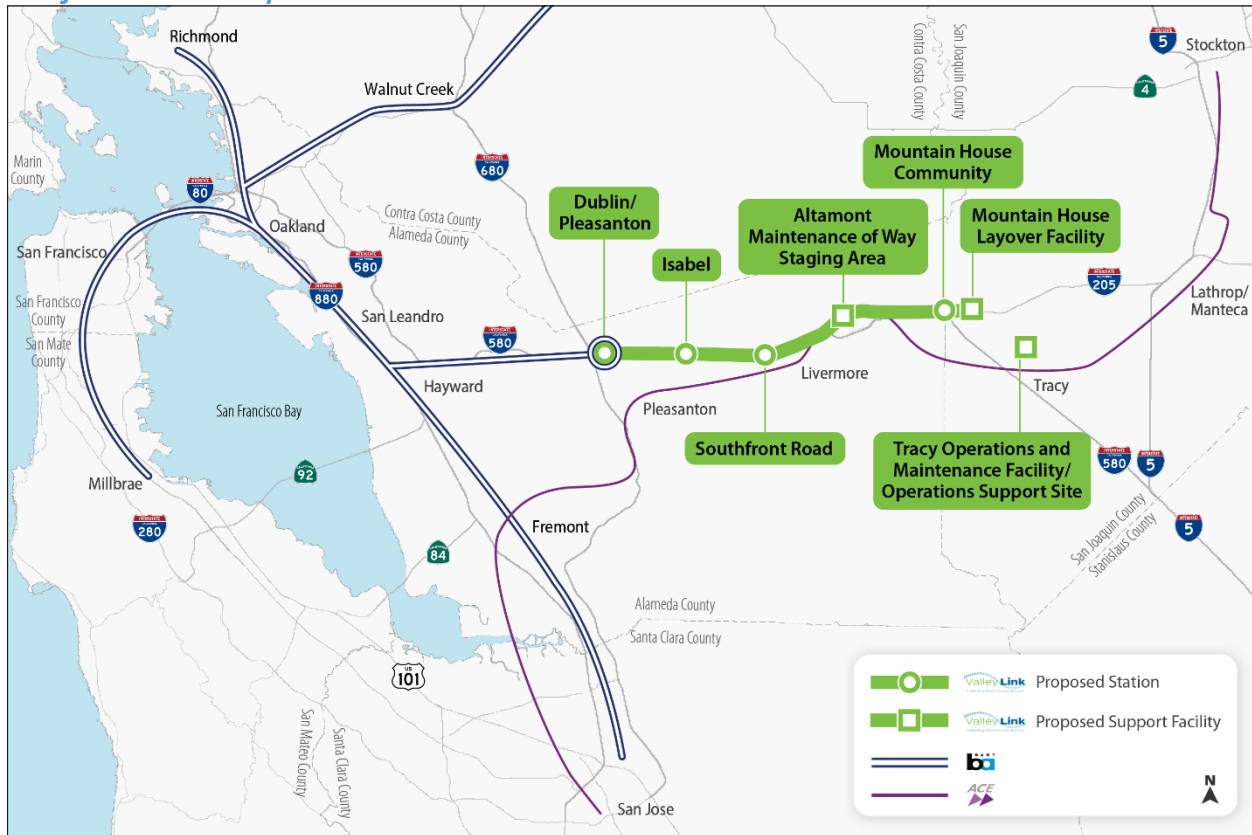
Mountain House Branch Library
201 East Main Street
Mountain House, CA

Proposed Project and Location

As shown in the Project Location Map, the Proposed Project would establish a new passenger rail service along a 22-mile corridor in Northern California between the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station in Alameda County and the proposed Mountain House Community Station in San Joaquin County. The Proposed Project would provide an all-day bi-directional passenger rail service at frequent intervals using zero-emission multiple unit vehicles. The alignment would be constructed within a combination of the existing I-580 freeway median, the existing transportation corridor owned by Alameda County (formerly Southern Pacific Transcontinental Railroad alignment), existing Caltrans right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to westbound I-580, and new ROW to be acquired for the Proposed Project.



Project Location Map



The Proposed Project includes the construction and operation of four stations:

- **Dublin/Pleasanton Station** would be constructed south of the eastbound I-580 freeway lanes in proximity to the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station.
- **Isabel Station** would be constructed within the I-580 median with adjacent parking on a 24-acre site along East Airway Boulevard south of I-580 and east of the Isabel Avenue I-580 overcrossing in Livermore.
- **Southfront Road Station** in Livermore would be constructed within the I-580 median with adjacent parking located south of I-580 on a seven-acre site along Southfront Road between McGraw Avenue and Franklin Lane.
- **Mountain House Community Station** would be constructed north of I-205 on an approximately 54-acre site west of Mountain House Parkway near the I-205/Mountain House Parkway interchange in the Mountain House community.

Facilities to support the operations and maintenance and ancillary project activities are planned at three locations:

- **The Altamont Maintenance of Way (MOW) Staging Area** would be constructed on a 10-acre portion of the Alameda County Transportation Corridor ROW, approximately 2,250 feet east of Dyer Road.
- **The Mountain House Layover Facility (LF)** would be constructed on an approximately 75-acre site east of Mountain House Parkway and north of I-205 to support train layovers, storage, and light maintenance.



- **Tracy Operations and Maintenance Facility/Operations Support Site (OMF/OSS)** would be constructed on part of an approximately 200-acre property along West Schulte Road just west of the Owens-Brockway Glass Container Plant west of Tracy.

Potential Environmental Impacts

The Draft SEIR has determined that construction and operation of the project could result in potentially significant impacts to aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise and vibration, and transportation and traffic. However, mitigation measures described in the Draft SEIR would reduce these potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Public Hearings

Open Forum Public Hearings will be held in-person at two locations in the Project corridor:

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Mountain House Community Services District
251 E. Main Street, Mountain House, CA

At these Open Forum Public Hearings, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about the Proposed Project, and provide written and verbal comments that will become part of the public record.

One Virtual Public Hearing for the project will also be conducted:

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The Virtual Public Hearing will provide an informal opportunity for attendees to learn about the Proposed Project and ask questions. However, official comments must be submitted in writing by mail, email, or through the online comment submission form on the project website. Please visit www.getvalleylinked.com to learn how to join the Virtual Public Hearing and to access additional project information.

If you will require language assistance services at these hearings, please call (925) 667-4013, 48 hours prior to the date and time of the hearings.

Written Comments

Written comments on the Valley Link Rail Project Draft SEIR will be accepted until 5:00 PM on June 6, 2024. Please send written comments to:

Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
2600 Kitty Hawk Road, Suite 103
Livermore, CA 94551

Your comments may also be sent by email to comments@valleylinkrail.com (please include Valley Link Project in the subject heading), or through the online comment submission form



provided on the project website: www.getvalleylinked.com. All comments must be received by 5:00 PM on June 6, 2024.

For Further Information

Visit our project website at www.getvalleylinked.com or contact us by email at comments@valleylinkrail.com and include “Valley Link Project” in the subject heading. Language assistance will be provided upon request.

Se proporcionará asistencia con el idioma si se solicita llamando al (925) 667-4013.

联系 (925) 667-4013 可应要求提供语言帮助。

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Hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ sẽ được cung cấp theo yêu cầu bằng cách liên hệ (925) 667-4013.

언어 지원은 (925) 667-4013으로 연락하여 요청 시 제공될 것입니다.

Ang tulong sa wika ay ibibigay kapag hiniling sa pamamagitan ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa (925) 667-4013.