



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE VALLEY LINK RAIL PROJECT

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as lead federal agency, and the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority), as project sponsor, are proposing the Valley Link Rail Project, which would establish a new passenger rail service along a 22-mile corridor between the existing Dublin/Pleasanton Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District Station in Alameda County and the proposed Mountain House Community Station in San Joaquin County, California.

The FTA and the Authority are issuing this Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise other agencies and the public that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Valley Link Rail Project is available for review and comment as of December 10, 2024. The EA, prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), analyzes potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the Valley Link Rail Project. The EA is available for review on the project website: [www.getvalleylinked.com](http://www.getvalleylinked.com). Copies of the EA are also available for review at the following locations:

Livermore Public Library  
1188 S. Livermore Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94550

Mountain House Branch Library  
201 E. Main Street  
Mountain House, CA 95391

Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (by appointment only; please call (925) 667-4013)  
2600 Kitty Hawk Road, Suite 103  
Livermore, CA 94551

### Proposed Project and Location

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.

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 EA has determined that construction and operation of the Proposed Project could result in potential impacts to the following environmental resources: Aesthetics; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Environmental Justice; Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources; Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Property Acquisitions; Noise and Vibration; Transportation and Traffic; Utilities; and Indirect and Cumulative Effects. However, avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures have been identified, where relevant, to avoid or reduce potential adverse impacts to meet federal requirements and/or state and local requirements.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the Valley Link Rail Project EA document will be accepted from December 10, 2024, until 5:00 PM on January 10, 2025. Please send written comments to:

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

Your comments on the EA document may also be sent by email to [comments@valleylinkrail.com](mailto: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](http://www.getvalleylinked.com). All comments must be received by 5:00 PM on January 10, 2025.



## Public Events

An opportunity for the public to speak to project team representatives and provide comments on the EA will occur at the following locations:

Downtown Tracy Farmers' Market  
December 14, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.  
North Central Avenue & 9th Street  
Tracy, CA 95376

Stuff A Bus Event – Walmart in Livermore  
December 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
2700 Las Positas Road  
Livermore, CA 94551

Members of the public will have the opportunity to learn more about the Proposed Project and the EA and provide written comments on the document that will become part of the public record.

## For Further Information

For the latest project updates and information about any additional public events and opportunities to comment, visit our project website at [www.getvalleylinked.com](http://www.getvalleylinked.com), contact us by email at [comments@valleylinkrail.com](mailto:comments@valleylinkrail.com) and include “Valley Link Project” in the subject heading, or visit us on X (formerly Twitter) (<https://x.com/ValleyLinkRail>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyLinkRail>).

Language assistance is available 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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