

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING****ITEM: 2019 ONE VOICE TRIP REGIONAL PROJECT  
SUPPORT LETTER****RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a  
Letter of Support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail  
Project Associated with the 2019 San Joaquin One  
Voice Program**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority is requesting that the City of Lathrop support their application to have the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project included with the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice program. The Valley Link Commuter Project will provide significant benefits along the I-205/I-580 corridor, including a reduction in commute times, improvements in goods movement, greater access to jobs and housing, fewer emissions, a framework for transit oriented development, the preservation of open space, and increases in safety.

Staff is requesting that City Council authorize a letter of support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project associated with the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill No. 758 (AB 758) approved by Governor Brown on October 13, 2017, established the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority) for purposes of planning, developing and delivering cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between the Bay Area Rapid Transit and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service in the Tri-Valley. Member Agencies of the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority include the City of Tracy, City of Manteca, City of Lathrop, City of Stockton, Mountain House Community Services District, County of San Joaquin, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (ACE), the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), County of Alameda, City of Livermore, City of Dublin, City of Pleasanton, City of San Ramon and the City of Danville.

The Valley Link Commuter Rail Project is a Northern California Megaregional rail project that will connect 25,000 commute trips daily in 2040 from San Joaquin Valley cities to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station in the Tri-Valley. The project will provide significant benefits along the I-205/I-580 corridor, including a reduction in commute times, improvements in goods movement, greater access to jobs and housing, fewer emissions, a framework for transit oriented development, the preservation of open space, and increases in safety.

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Specifically, the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project application requests that the San Joaquin One Voice program advocate for a near-future \$25 million grant through the USDOT's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program for the purpose of providing funding for two Valley Link rail stations—Downtown Tracy and River Islands—in addition to the Tracy Maintenance Facility.

Annually the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) solicits applications for The One Voice Program trip to Washington, D.C. to request federal fund appropriations for local and regional priority projects. The One Voice Program has been in effect for 16 years and is directly responsible for over \$105 million in additional federal revenues for San Joaquin County. Should City Council authorize the letter of support, the letter would be included with the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project application. This application would be submitted to SJCOG by The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority. The project applications are due to SJCOG by February 28, 2019.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Valley Link Commuter Project will provide significant benefits to the region and letter of support will aid in The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority's efforts to gain federal funding.

**COUNCIL GOALS ADVANCED BY THIS AGENDA ITEM:**

This agenda item promotes Economic Growth by improving goods movement, improving access to jobs and housing, and by establishing a framework for transit oriented development.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

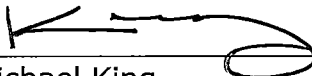
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

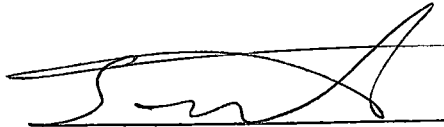
- A. Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a Letter of Support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project Associated with the 2019 SJCOG One Voice Program
- B. Letter of Support
- C. Vicinity Map

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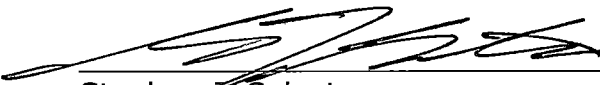
**APPROVALS:**

  
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Michael King  
Assistant Public Works Director

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Salvador Navarrete  
City Attorney

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Date

  
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Stephen J. Salvatore  
City Manager

2.7.19  
Date

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP  
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VALLEY  
LINK COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2019 SAN  
JOAQUIN ONE VOICE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) performs an annual One Voice trip to Washington, D.C., to request federal fund appropriations for local and regional priority projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority is requesting that the City of Lathrop support their application to have the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project included with the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Link Commuter Project will provide significant benefits along the I-205/I-580 corridor, including a reduction in commute times, improvements in goods movement, greater access to jobs and housing, fewer emissions, a framework for transit oriented development, the preservation of open space, and increases in safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Link Commuter Project will provide significant benefits to the region and letter of support will aid in The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority's efforts to gain federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, staff is requesting that City Council authorize a letter of support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project associated with the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Link Commuter Project application would be submitted to SJCOG by The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority and are due by February 28, 2019 for inclusion in the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop authorizes staff to submit a letter of support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project associated with the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice Program.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, by the following vote of the City Council, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

  
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Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney



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February 11, 2019

Mr. Andrew Chesley  
Executive Director  
San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 E Weber Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95202

**RE: One Voice Application - Valley Link Commuter Rail Project**

Dear Mr. Chesley:

The City of Lathrop submits this letter of support for the Valley Link Commuter Rail Project to be included in the 2019 San Joaquin One Voice program that will be promote issues of regional significance to federal legislators and agencies during its annual advocacy trip to Washington DC.

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Included as an attachment to this letter of support is a San Joaquin One Voice Project Request. I appreciate the selection committee's consideration on this very important regional project.

Thank you,

Stephen J. Salvatore  
City Manager



# Valley Link

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