

**SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION STATION/FACILITIES
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

May 14, 2021 – 9:00 am

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Chair Zuber

Roll Call: Chiesa, Hume, Vice Chair Hothi, Chair Zuber

2. Public Comments

Persons wishing to address the Committee on any item of interest to the public regarding rail shall state their names and addresses and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to two minutes. The Committee cannot take action on matters not on the agenda unless the action is authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Government Code. Materials related to an item on the Agenda submitted to the Committee after distribution of the agenda packet are available for the public inspection in the Commission Office at 949 E. Channel Street during normal business hours. These documents are also available on the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission website at <https://acerail.com/board-of-directors/> subject to staff's ability to post the documents prior to the meeting.

3. Review of the Purpose and Scope of the Committee **INFORMATION**
(Stacey Mortensen)

4. Review of the Overall Valley Rail Program **INFORMATION**
(Kevin Sheridan)

5. Presentation on Center and Double-Side Loaded Platform Concepts on Union Pacific Alignments **INFORMATION**
(Kevin Sheridan)

6. Presentation on Effort for Common Station Themes and Common Rolling Stock Colors to Create a Unified Valley Rail Passenger Experience **INFORMATION**
(David Lipari)

7. Status of Station Development **INFORMATION**
(Kevin Sheridan/David Ripperda)

8. Establish Regular Meeting Schedule **ACTION**
(Stacey Mortensen)

9. Committee Member Comments

10. Adjournment
The next regular meeting is scheduled for:
TBD

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Item 3

INFORMATION

Review of the Purpose and Scope of the Committee

The Committee was established by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission to delegate decision-making on the stations and facilities associated with the Valley Rail Program to a small group of elected officials affected by the service expansion. The state statutory deadlines for new rail service to Ceres by 2023 and Merced/Natomas by 2026 require a focused effort and significant coordination with numerous cities within three counties.

The four-member Committee includes representatives from Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Sacramento counties. The Rail Commission Ordinance establishing the Committee stipulates that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee be appointed by the Rail Commission from among its two members. At the May 7th Rail Commission meeting, Leo Zuber (Ripon) was appointed as Chair and Mikey Hothi (Lodi) was appointed as Vice Chair.

The Ordinance is attached to this staff report and will be discussed in further detail at the Committee meeting.

**SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION
AN ORDINANCE 2019-01**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A STATION/FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE OF THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION AND
DELEGATING DECISIONMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) has received \$400 Million in State funding for expansion of the ACE service to Ceres and ultimately to Merced; and

WHEREAS, SJRRC and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) jointly received \$500 Million in State funding for expansion of the ACE service between Lathrop and Natomas and expansion of the San Joaquins intercity rail service between Fresno and Natomas; and

WHEREAS, SJRRC has been designated the lead agency for planning and implementing the new stations/facilities required as part of the state funded expansion effort; and

WHEREAS, the initial deadline of 2023 associated with the State funding for project completion requires numerous timely actions for the stations/facilities in the new service communities over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, a small group of elected decision makers from the affected communities provides the best opportunity to ensure decisions are timely and incorporate the input of the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, SJRRC has the authority to establish a Committee and delegate specified decision-making powers,

THEREFORE, THE SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

Section 100 Establishment. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (“SJRRC”) hereby creates the Station/Facilities Development Committee (“Committee”) which shall have the decision and advisory powers contained here and as assigned by the SJRRC Commissioners from time to time. The Committee shall be comprised of four (4) members that shall serve without compensation.

Section 101 Definitions. For the purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have these meanings:

- 101.1 “Commissioners” shall mean those persons appointed to the SJRRC in accordance with the JPA.
- 101.2 “Committee” shall mean the SJRRC Station/Facilities Development Committee established by this Article.
- 101.3 “Facility” or “Facilities” shall mean the facilities located north of Stockton in the Sacramento Service Corridor and the Stanislaus Service Corridor between Lathrop and Ceres California.
- 101.3 “JPA” shall mean the July 22, 2003 First Amended Joint Powers Agreement San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.
- 101.4 “Regular Voting Commissioner” shall have the same meaning as “Regular Voting Member” set forth in Section 1.19 of the JPA.
- 101.5 “SacRT” shall mean the Sacramento Regional Transit District.
- 101.6 “SJRRC” means the San Joaquin County Regional Rail Commission, a Joint Powers Authority consisting of the County of San Joaquin, and the Cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Stockton and Tracy, which owns and operates the ACE Rail passenger service.
- 101.7 “Special Voting Commissioner” shall have the same meaning as “Special Voting Member” set forth in Section 1.22 of the JPA.
- 101.8 “StanCOG” shall mean the Stanislaus Council of Governments.
- 101.9 “Station” or “Stations” shall mean the stations located north of Stockton in the Sacramento Service Corridor and the Stanislaus Service Corridor between Lathrop and Ceres California.

Section 102 Committee Appointment and Qualifications. The Committee’s four members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the SJRRC Regular Voting Commissioner. Committee members shall all be elected officials and comprised of the following:

- 102.1 A Regular Voting Commissioner whose elected jurisdiction includes at least one (1) Station north of Stockton, California.
- 102.2 A Regular Voting Commissioner whose elected jurisdiction includes at least one (1) Station between Lathrop and Merced California.
- 102.3 An elected official from the SacRT who shall be recommended for appointment to the SJRRC by the SacRT.
- 102.4 An elected official from StanCOG who shall be recommended for appointment to the SJRRC by the StanCOG.

102.5 In the event there is not a Regular Voting Commissioner qualified for appointment to sections 102.1 and/or 102.2 who accepts the appointment, the Regular Voting Commissioners may appoint any Regular Voting Commissioner to that membership position.

Section 103 Committee Officers. The Committee shall have two officers: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

103.1 At the time of their appointment to the Committee, the Regular Voting Commissioners shall appoint one of the two Regular Voting Commissioners appointed pursuant to Sections 102.1 and 102.2 as Committee Chairperson and the other as Committee Vice-Chairperson.

103.2 The duties of the Chairperson shall be to preside at all meetings of the Committee and have the authority to call for short recesses during meetings unless a majority of the Committee Members by vote oppose a recess.

103.3 The duties of the Vice-Chairperson shall be to serve in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 104 Term of office and filling vacancy.

104.1 The term of office for each Committee member shall be for four years, and until his or her successor is appointed.

104.2 Should a vacancy occur on the Committee for any reason, including expiration of terms, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment in accordance with Section 102 of this Article. Except in the case of a vacancy occurring due to expiration of a term, appointments to fill vacancies shall only be for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant portion.

104.3 Any Committee member may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Regular Voting Commissioners.

Section 105 Meetings.

105.1 All meetings shall comply with the procedural requirements set forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act") set forth in California Government Code Sections 54950 and following, as they are now or may be amended.

105.2 The Committee shall, at that first meeting, establish a regular meeting schedule including dates, time and location for itself.

105.3 A quorum for conducting all Committee matters of business shall be three (3) Committee members.

105.4 The affirmative vote of three (3) members of the Committee shall be required for the approval of any matter.

Section 106 Powers and Duties. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

106.1 Decision making authority over all matters involving Station/Facility improvements, including, but not limited to, designs, materials, permitting, construction, change orders (within budget), etc.

106.2 Decisions of the Committee shall not exceed project amounts established in approved SJRRC budgets or any other amount established by the Regular Voting Commissioners.

Section 107 Appeal of Committee Decisions

107.1 The SJRRC Executive Director or her/his designee shall notify the SJRRC Regular Voting Commissioners and Committee members of any decisions made by the Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the Committee's decision. Said notification ("Notice") shall be in writing and delivered electronically by e-mail.

107.2 Any member of the Committee or Regular Voting Commissioner can request an appeal of any decision by the Committee by requesting an appeal to the SJRRC's next Commission meeting as long as the request is made in writing and e-mailed to the Executive Director or her/his designee no later than one hundred and twenty (120) hours of the date and time of the Notice. Failure of any member of the Committee or Regular Voting Commissioner to timely request an appeal shall result in the Committee's decision becoming final.

107.3 A timely request for appeal shall be placed on the agenda of the next SJRRC Commission meeting in compliance with the procedures in the Brown Act. At said meeting, the Regular Voting Commissioners shall determine whether to veto the Committee's decision being appealed. A Committee's decision may only be vetoed by a majority vote of the Regular Voting Commissioners.

Section 108 Term of the Committee. This Ordinance shall expire and the Committee cease to exist upon the receipt of a notice of completion of the last Station and Facility improvement.

Following passage and prior to the expiration of 15 days following passage, in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b)(1) the Executive Director shall prepare a Summary of this Ordinance to be published in full once in three newspapers, one published in Santa Clara County, one published in Alameda County, and one published in San Joaquin County and this Ordinance will take effect 30 days after the date of the last of the three publications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION on this 4th day of October, 2019 by the following vote of the Commission:

AYES: 6 ELLIOTT, YOUNG, JOHNSON, MOORHEAD, ZUBER, FUGAZI

NOES: 0 _____

ABSTENTIONS: 0 _____

ABSENT: 0 _____



CHAIR



SECRETARY (Clerk)

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Review of the Overall Valley Rail Program

Valley Rail implements two new daily roundtrips for the Amtrak San Joaquins service to better connect San Joaquin Valley travelers with the Sacramento Area, as well as an extension of Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) between Sacramento and Merced, which builds upon ACE funding from Senate Bill (SB) 132, the Transit Intercity Capital Rail Program (TIRCP), and multiple other funding sources. Valley Rail will extend the existing passenger rail service by approximately 120 miles and includes 16 new stations.

A separate project to grade separate the existing Stockton Diamond at-grade crossing has recently been included into the list of projects associated with Valley Rail. Once constructed, the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation project will offer an immediate benefit by removing the bottle neck at the busiest at-grade crossing in California. In addition to relieving the freight and passenger congestion at the existing railroad crossing, multiple at-grade street crossings will be improved. The combined benefits of the project will greatly improve operations, local traffic circulation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Exhibits will be presented at the meeting.

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Presentation on Center and Double-Side Loaded Platform Concepts on Union Pacific Alignments

The Rail Commission and Union Pacific work together on passenger safety and train reliability for the ACE and San Joaquins services. Understanding the desire for additional passenger rail expansion, Union Pacific revised their design standards to improve safety and operational efficiency at passenger stations. As a result, train dispatching, platform configurations and passenger access for the new Valley Rail stations have changed to incorporate these new standards. One of the most important new requirements is the “center”, or “double side” loaded platforms.

A center loaded platform is one platform located between two tracks serving both directions of train service. A side loaded platform consists of two platforms on the outside of the tracks where each platform serves a single direction train. For passengers to access the platforms from the station they must use a pedestrian overcrossing, or a tunnel. In many cases, elevators are needed due to the high overcrossing clearance above the rail corridor.

Staff will discuss the new requirements in more detail and conceptual Platform exhibits will be presented at the meeting.

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Presentation on Effort for Common Station Themes and Common Rolling Stock Colors to Create a Unified Valley Rail Passenger Experience

A key goal of the Valley Rail Program is to integrate the ACE and San Joaquin services to provide passengers with a more uniform experience and an easier way to take either train service for their journey. While the services will maintain some unique characteristics, a concerted effort will be made in the station design and rolling stock process to allow passengers a more seamless experience.

Staff will provide a detailed presentation at the Committee meeting.

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Status of Station Development

Station development is directly linked to the track configuration leading into and out of the station area. The initial schedule for station development was put on hold to allow time for operational modelling of the corridor and a determination of new track configurations and double track sections. The Rail Commission entered into a series of contracts related to track design and platform tie in for the station locations. Additional agreements have been executed to begin the overall station design.

Staff will review the active agreements and the status of station work at the Committee meeting.

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ACTION

Establish Regular Meeting Schedule

The Stations and Facilities Development Committee was established to meet the pressing deadlines of new rail service for the Valley Rail Program. The need for decision making will likely fluctuate throughout the process, but it may be necessary to establish a monthly meeting in order to hold a regular date.

This inaugural meeting falls on the 2nd Friday of the month. Staff recommends consideration of establishing the regular meeting date as the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:00am via virtual meeting or at the Cabral Station in Stockton.