Valley Link Rail Project

Valley Link is a mega solution to address the affordable housing crisis in the Northern California Megaregion and accelerate our response to climate change. The initial phase of Valley Link creates a new 22-mile passenger rail transit system connecting over 105,000 Bay Area workers traveling daily over the Altamont Pass from their homes in the Northern San Joaquin Valley with fast, frequent, reliable, and environmentally sustainable service – providing a transit alternative to the highly congested Interstate 580 highway corridor and bringing new riders to the broader Bay Area transit system. Valley Link will include crossover tracks to the existing Union Pacific Railroad line to provide the potential for future interoperability with the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail system for direct connectivity of ACE service to BART.

Over one-third of funds identified for the project through local sources:

- Measure BB $400 Million
- Bridge Toll $188 Million
- Local Agency Contributions $200 Million
- Developer Fees $26 Million
  
  Total $814 Million

Targeted funds to complete project:

- Federal CIG - New Starts $450 Million
- State Transportation Funds $600 Million
  
  Total $1.05 Billion
MEGA CHALLENGES IN THE MEGAREGION

THE BAY AREA GENERATES

6 jobs
Only 1 house

BAY AREA UNSUSTAINABLE HOUSING COSTS

1 house Bay Area
3 houses North San Joaquin Valley

- Approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) into Project Development under the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program
- Adopted as a regional CIG Program priority in Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) Regional Grant Strategy for the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- On Schedule to seek CIG New Starts Funding within 5-year BIL Period

Traffic on I-580 to Increase
60%
By 2040

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