



Denair Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 @ 7 PM
Denair Unified School District, Leadership / Board Room
3460 Lester Road
Denair, CA 95316

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Jim Brugger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Adam Dalton, Samuel (Sam) Paulissian, Jason DeMuro
3. Public Comment
 - a. A community member expressed support for the new housing project on Monte Vista but raised their concern about the street not being wide enough and without a left turn lane to support the increased traffic.
 - b. A community member expressed the need for a 4-way stop at Monte Vista and Waring and has requested a stop light with sensors.
 - c. A community member has asked for assistance in getting a zoning variance from the county building department in order to complete a project for a resident in the Country Squire mobile park.
4. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2024
 - a. Judy Kindle motioned to approve August 2024 minutes, seconded by Jason DeMuro.
 - b. Motion to approve minutes passed 5-0
5. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff Department - Deputy Caranze (www.scsdonline.com)
 - i. August Statistics: One part 1 crime call, 2 identity theft responses, 29 part 2 calls, and 28 calls labeled as "other"
 - ii. Deputy addressed the reckless driving complaints and asked the community to call in and report reckless driving offenses.
 - b. California Highway Patrol - Officer Francis Arias (www.chp.ca.gov/home)
 - i. 19 total calls, 1 DUI arrest, 4 reckless driving calls, 1 stolen vehicle calls for last month.
 - ii. CHP will be adding 3 new officers
 - c. Denair Fire Department (www.denairfire.com)



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- i. See attached report from August 2024
- d. Denair Public Library (www.stanislauslibrary.org)
 - i. Not present
- e. Denair High School Leadership - Ximena Padilla and Andrea Vasquez, student representatives
 - i. Fall sports have started and the volleyball team is having a good start to their season
 - ii. Club Rush is September 13
 - iii. DYF Night is September 13
 - iv. Homecoming is scheduled for October 12
 - v. Leadership will be implementing "High Five Fridays" on campus
 - vi. Leadership will be leading the rally at DECA on September 13
- f. Denair Unified School District (DUSD) - Dr Terry Metzger (www.denairusd.org)
 - i. Covid test are available at the district office
 - ii. There will be a school board meeting on September 12 @ 6:00P
 - iii. Denair Charter Family Night will be held on September 12 @ 5:00P
 - iv. Measure Z will be the upcoming bond on the November ballot
 - v. Reports of a suspicious vehicle/person led to an arrest - thank you to the community and the Sheriffs office
- g. 22nd Assembly District - Abby Pendleton - Assistant to Juan Alanis
 - i. Current legislation being supported by Juan Alanis include:
 1. AB 1796: Requires educational agencies serving grades 9-12 to notify parents and/or guardians of the specific advanced courses that are available to students.
 2. AB 1972: Will expand on the California Highway Patrol's property crimes task force to support identified counties with increased levels of cargo theft.
 3. AB 1996: Will improve the response to opioid overdose emergencies by making the locations of opioid antagonists widely known & easily accessible in stadiums, concert venues, and amusement parks.
- h. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office
 - i. Brittany Harker - Field Representative for Vito Chiesa
 1. No current updates



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- i. The Denair Farm and Family Festival will take place on September 14
- ii. The second draft of the Stanislaus County 6th Cycle Housing Element is on the county website and is available for comments until September 6.
- d. Jason:
 - i. Planning to reach out to the county to discuss the need for traffic cameras around Denair
- e. Jim:
 - i. September 14 is International Observe the Moon Night
- f. County Planning and Community Development has requested to present the Stanislaus County 6th Cycle Housing Element at the October meeting

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09P

DENAIR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AUGUST, 2024

	AUG		YTD	
EMS	20	40.82%	44	44.90%
Fire\CO alarm	5	10.20%	7	7.14%
Gas Leak	0	0.00%	1	1.02%
Grass fire	6	12.24%	8	8.16%
Hazmat	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Illegal burn	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Injury traffic col	1	2.04%	3	3.06%
Mutual aid	12	24.49%	24	24.49%
Non-Injury TC	1	2.04%	1	1.02%
Other	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other fire	1	2.04%	2	2.04%
Public assist	2	4.08%	5	5.10%
Rescue	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Smoke check	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Station standby	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Structure	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Trash	0	0.00%	1	1.02%
Vehicle fire	1	2.04%	1	1.02%
Wires down	0	0.00%	1	1.02%
No. of calls	49	100.00%	98	100.00%

Vision for Integrated Passenger Rail/Transit in the San Joaquin Valley



As construction on the nation's first 200+ mph high-speed rail (HSR) system moves forward in the San Joaquin Valley, an integrated passenger rail and transit network is envisioned to connect HSR to communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley and California. Using zero-emission vehicles and promoting sustainable transit-oriented development, this network will deliver enhanced mobility, economic opportunities, greater equity, and better air quality and other environmental benefits for San Joaquin Valley residents.

High-Speed Rail (HSR)

HSR will be the backbone of the integrated passenger rail and transit vision for the San Joaquin Valley. Early operations are expected to begin on the 171-mile Merced to Bakersfield segment between 2030 and 2033. Initial HSR service will substantially improve passenger rail travel times and frequency in the San Joaquin Valley.



Rendering of the new HSR station in Merced

Valley Rail

The Valley Rail program includes improvements and expansions of both the San Joaquins and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), resulting in increased passenger rail service between the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Valley Rail will add daily roundtrips for both services between Sacramento and Merced, and they will link directly to HSR at the new Merced HSR Station.



Service on the San Joaquins will expand as part of the Valley Rail program.

Valley Link

Valley Link is a 42-mile passenger rail service over the Altamont Pass, providing a new, zero-emission transit alternative to congested Interstate 580. The 22-mile initial operating phase, which could break ground as early as 2025, will provide all-day, bi-directional service between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station in the San Francisco Bay Area and a new Valley Link station in Mountain House in San Joaquin County. Service will ultimately extend to the North Lathrop Transfer Station, where it will connect with ACE service.



Valley Link will use zero-emission hydrogen trainsets.

Cross Valley Corridor (CVC)

This planned passenger rail service will utilize an existing freight rail corridor from Huron to Porterville, roughly paralleling state routes 198 and 65. Destinations along the corridor include Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, Hanford, the HSR Kings/Tulare Station, Visalia, and Porterville, with additional transit connections to Corcoran, Tulare, Dinuba, and Woodlake. Initially, the CVC will be served by expanded and improved express buses connecting key markets along the corridor to the Kings/Tulare HSR Station.

Fresno Regional Rail

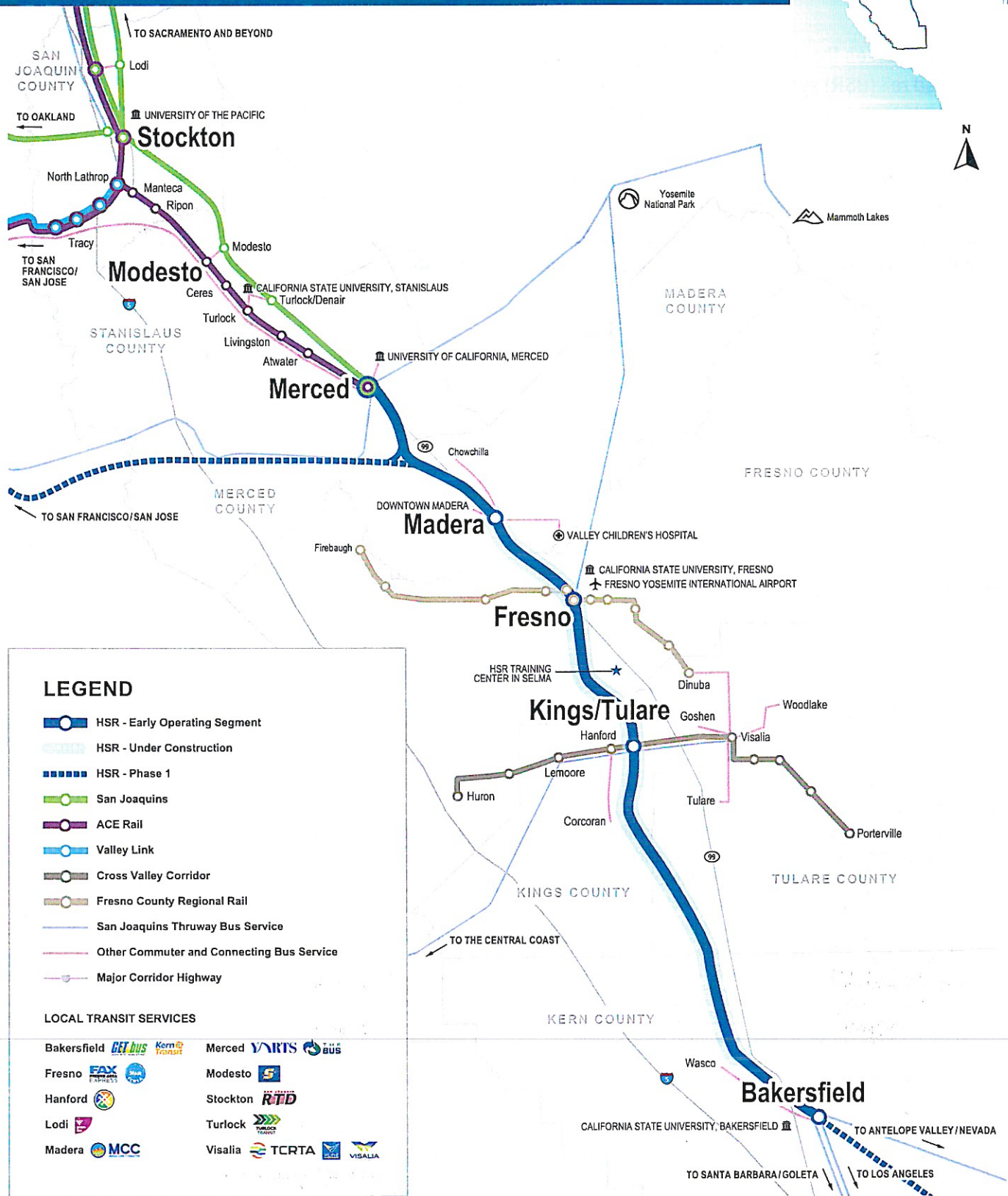
Planning will be initiated for a new passenger rail service that utilizes existing freight rail corridors in Fresno County between Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Dinuba, Kingsburg, and Fresno. Regional service would connect with the Fresno HSR Station and to future light rail service being planned for downtown Fresno.

Thruway and Local Transit Buses

Longer-distance Thruway buses will continue to bring San Joaquin Valley travelers to destinations throughout California. At the Bakersfield HSR Station, these buses will meet every HSR round-trip for connections to major travel markets in Southern California, as well as Las Vegas. Local transit and on-demand services will also link to HSR, Valley Rail, Valley Link, Cross Valley Corridor, and Fresno Regional Rail, allowing car-free travel to destinations within and outside San Joaquin Valley.

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Vision for Integrated Passenger Rail/Transit in the San Joaquin Valley



LEGEND

- HSR - Early Operating Segment
- HSR - Under Construction
- HSR - Phase 1
- San Joaquins
- ACE Rail
- Valley Link
- Cross Valley Corridor
- Fresno County Regional Rail
- San Joaquins Thruway Bus Service
- Other Commuter and Connecting Bus Service
- Major Corridor Highway

LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICES

Bakersfield	Merced
Fresno	Modesto
Hanford	Stockton
Lodi	Turlock
Madera	Visalia

As promised, I am providing a condensed, bulleted version of my speaking points.

- The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission) owns and operates the ACE commuter service and provides staff for the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority that manages and administers the Amtrak San Joaquins intercity service.
- The Rail Commission appreciates the Denair MAC's recent letters of support for our Railroad Crossing Elimination and Good Jobs Challenge grant applications signed by Chair Brugger.
- Regarding the current ACE service, there will be special trains to transport passengers to 49ers games this football season. Thinking of creative ways to serve riders so driving isn't the only, or best, option for traveling to the game.
- Valley Rail Program includes improvements and expansions of both ACE and Amtrak San Joaquins. Valley Rail implements additional (currently planning for getting to 12) roundtrips for the Amtrak San Joaquins service to better connect San Joaquin Valley travelers with the Sacramento and Bay Areas and extends ACE service between Sacramento and Merced.
- ACE expansion to Turlock is partially funded (over \$97 million has been secured). ACE expansion from Turlock to Merced is not currently funded. The Rail Commission is seeking to secure the outstanding funding for service to Turlock and to Merced.
- ACE service to Modesto is expected by the end of 2026.

- The Merced Intermodal Track Connection Project, or MITC, will elevate Amtrack San Joaquins on BNSF track over UPRR track to connect with high-speed rail for cross platform transfer between high-speed rail and the San Joaquins. ACE station will be at ground level.
- MITC construction is scheduled to begin in 2027 and complete by 2030 in time for high-speed rail initial operations to begin in the timeframe between 2030 -2033.
- Phase 1 of Lathrop Wye and Track Extension Project will construct a box culvert. The first major step in construction for the Valley Rail Program, the construction of the box culvert began June 18th with an expected completion date of early 2025.
- The second phase will construct the Lathrop Wye track providing the necessary track infrastructure to allow direct ACE train service between Ceres and San Jose. The second phase is scheduled to begin construction in 2025
- The Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project will grade separate the intersection of UPRR Fresno Subdivision and the BNSF Stockton Subdivision. The Stockton Diamond is one of the most congested rail junctions in the nation and the grade separation is required to unlock capacity for additional passenger rail service in the San Joaquin Valley and also improve on time performance of trains. The Rail Commission is working to secure remaining funding and is expected to initiate construction in 2025 with the completion in 2028.
- When high-speed rail service begins, 2030-2033, travelers will be able to travel between Northern California and Southern California on a single ticket via the integrated passenger rail network.

- The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority is expected to be the operating agency for the high-speed rail Early Operating Segment initial service (Merced to Bakersfield).
- The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and the lead for the Passenger Rail/Transit/Land Use Working Group that produced the advocacy document, "Vision for the Integrated Passenger Rail/Transit in the San Joaquin Valley." The document will be used during the Policy Council's September 2024 Washington, DC trip.
- Similarly, by the end of the year county-level advocacy documents will be available to highlight rail and transit investments and plans well as potential transit-oriented development opportunities within each county.
- The Turlock Transit Amtrak Shuttle on-demand service is funded through this fiscal year and has in general been experiencing growth. Turlock Transit plans to seek additional funding to continue offering the service in fiscal year 2025-26 and beyond.

I appreciate the opportunity to present to the Denair MAC and meeting attendees. Hearing the various reports and discussion helped me learn about your city.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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