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Governor signs Eggman bill expediting ACE-BART connectivity

SACRAMENTO –On Friday Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 758 by Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton) to expedite the potential connection between BART’s rapid transit system and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service.

According to the University of the Pacific, nearly 50,000 commuters travel from San Joaquin County to the Bay Area for work.

“Connecting these two transit systems will not only ease the commute for thousands of San Joaquin County residents just trying to get to work every day, but it will also take tens of thousands of cars off the road,” Eggman said. “AB 758 will kickstart an idea that has been talked about for a decade, reducing stress on commuters and cleaning up the environment.”

The bill establishes the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority to plan, develop, and deliver cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity between BART and ACE. The Authority will be required to produce a feasibility report by July 1, 2019 that, among other things, requires the Authority to make recommendations for expediting the development of cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity, propose a funding plan for achieving transit connectivity, propose a schedule for completion of transit connectivity, and a preliminary design for the project or projects to complete transit connectivity.

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