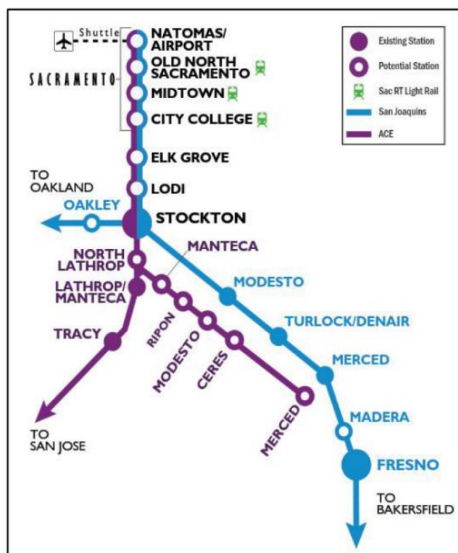


STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
Grant Award - Valley Rail Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Only

SUMMARY:



On April 26, 2018, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission were awarded \$500.5 million for their Valley Rail Project through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).



The TIRCP was created to fund transformative projects that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems. The TIRCP goals include reducing emissions, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. The TIRCP receives funding from Senate Bill 1 and Cap & Trade.

This TIRCP award adds to the \$400 million received from Senate Bill 132. These funds will allow not only the extension to Ceres with a bus connection to Merced but also ACE trips to Sacramento. In addition, two more daily round trips for the Amtrak San Joaquin service from Fresno to the Sacramento region are being funded. This project will help improve connectivity throughout the Northern California megaregion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

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