



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of February 21, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-L

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**SUBJECT:**

North Lathrop Transfer Station Project - Letter of Support for Valley Rail 2024 RAISE Application

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) has prepared an application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (RAISE) for the North Lathrop Transfer Station Project. More information on the Valley Rail Program is also available on the [SJRRRC website](#).

The North Lathrop Transfer Station is an important project for the Central Valley and the Northern CA Megaregion which benefits passenger rail and freight rail services and will have significant mobility and air quality benefits. This project will enable Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) passengers on trains traveling between Ceres/Merced and Sacramento to be able to transfer at the North Lathrop Station to ACE trains heading to Silicon Valley. This gives passengers from the San Joaquin Valley more options to travel to the Bay Area and is needed to promote high ridership and farebox recovery for the expanded ACE service. The North Lathrop Transfer Station is planned to serve as a multi-modal transfer station between ACE and the proposed Valley Link project.

As highlighted in the letter of support, SJRRRC is requesting \$29.4 million in RAISE funding for the construction of the North Lathrop Transfer Station and Lathrop Wye Project. The RAISE award will be matched with additional State funding to complete the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.