



Valley Link ***Sustainability Policy*** **Adopted 12/11/19**

Goal

Be a model of sustainability in the design, construction and operation of the Valley Link Rail Project.

Policy Objectives and Strategies

Environment

- Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions
- Renewable Energy – Operate system on renewable energy to the extent feasible.
- 100% Self-Sufficient – Strive to create a system that can operate largely on its own stored and created energy.
- Design and construct sustainable infrastructure using global best practices for preserving natural resources.

Connectivity

- Integrate rail services with state's rail and transit operations (including High Speed Rail System).
- Expand and improve connectivity through improved transit and/or feeder bus services.
- Promote active transportation (bicycling and walking).
- Encourage use of zero emission vehicles and shared rides.

Equitable Access

- Encourage engagement in planning and decision-making for the project to ensure a meaningful level of participation from disadvantaged communities and low- income communities and households.
- Strive to maximize benefits to disadvantaged communities and low-income communities and households in project planning and design.

Station Area Plans

- Work in partnership with communities to identify and incorporate high priority local goals and objectives for individual stations
- Initiate service at earliest possible date and preserve land and right-of-way to allow for the implementation of phased design and infrastructure in support of Sustainable Community Strategies (SB375).