

## INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2022

### **Ridership**

Our average weekday ridership thus far in July is about 2,200 per day, which is nearly 40 percent higher than July of 2021. Current weekday ridership is still about 45 percent of our average weekday ridership in pre-pandemic July of 2019. Total July systemwide ridership through Friday July 22 was 41,733, of which 1,062 (2.5 percent) was attributable to the Route 52 Fair Shuttle.

Weekend ridership continues to trend higher, with an average Saturday ridership of 1,411 this July, which is 57 percent higher than a year ago and just 20 percent below our pre-pandemic numbers. Sunday ridership is averaging 1,123, which is 32 percent higher than a year ago and about 25 percent below our pre-pandemic figures.

### **Alameda County Fair Wrap-Up**

The Alameda County Fair returned to its traditional summer run this year for the first time since 2019. We once again operated the Route 52 Fair Shuttle between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station and the Fairgrounds. The fair ran for 19 days this year and we carried a total of 1,677 passengers. By comparison, in 2019 the fair ran for 17 days and we carried 2,912 passengers. As part of our partnership with the fair, the Memorial Madden Cruiser was parked in front of the entrance to the horse track for the duration of the fair. It was a very popular display and provided an opportunity for those from outside the Tri-Valley area to see the tribute bus for the first time.

### **Try Transit to School is Back**

Pre-pandemic, each year at the start of school we would offer free rides to students for a period of time to encourage the use of our service by area middle and high school students. Last year, we offered free rides to all passengers, including students, during the month of September. The first day of classroom instruction varies considerably this year, with PUSD starting classes on August 10, DUSD on August 11 and LVJUSD on August 23. In order to give all students the opportunity to participate, we are going to run the Try Transit to School promotion from Monday August 8 through Labor Day, including weekends.

### **Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Once again LAVTA has been awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This certificate the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

### **TIRCP Grant**

LAVTA submitted a joint grant application with CCCTA for TIRCP Funding from the State. Our joint application was successful to the tune of \$14.45 Million. Additional funding for CCTA, CCCTA and LAVTA of \$21.4 Million will be added from CalSTA Zero emission funding. These funds are intended to get sufficient fueling infrastructure in place for the 6 buses

(phase 1) while also positioning the agencies to complete the broader effort for the entire fleet at these facilities, Mobility Hubs in San Ramon, Integrated Transit Planning and Training and Testing. Additionally, the State will be purchasing New Flyer Hydrogen Buses for CCCTA, and LAVTA to provide service on the 680 corridor.