

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: February 1, 2016
PLACE: Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore CA
TIME: 4:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Don Biddle at 4:00 pm

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda
Don Biddle – Councilmember, City of Dublin
David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin
Karla Brown – Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Jerry Pentin – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Steven Spedowfski – Councilmember, City of Livermore
Laureen Turner – Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

Laureen Turner, Councilmember from City of Livermore, arrived during the public comments.

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen discussed the need to operate 15-minute all day bus service to and from the Airway Park-and-Ride lot and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Robert Allen provided the Board of Directors documentation regarding his proposal. The Board of Directors responded that the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Group will take this request into consideration.

Carmen Rivera Hendrickson

Carmen Rivera Hendrickson informed the Board of Directors that brakes on some LAVTA buses are making terrible screeching noises. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson discussed bus 0315, due to it making this awful noise when she road it leaving from the BART station at 2:00pm today.

Herb Hastings

Herb Hastings is concerned about LAVTA's new routing schedule of the Rapid. Mr. Hastings does not want the Rapid going to Las Positas College. Mr. Hastings also explained that LAVTA would be eliminating multiple options to get to Stoneridge Mall.

4. January Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes Report

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor from County of Alameda, arrived during the WAAC Committee minutes discussion.

Carmen Rivera Hendrickson, WAAC Chair, addressed the Board of Directors regarding the WAAC Committee meeting. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson explained that the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) was an informational item only during the WAAC meeting and did not address important details that needed to be shared. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson opinion is the COA needs to be reviewed further prior to implementation.

Karla Brown asked Ms. Rivera Hendrickson if the Fixed Route Operational Issues regarding a driver's inappropriate language was reported to LAVTA management. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson said that it was reported to Beverly Adamo and Gregg Eisenberg. Ms. Brown said that they will do a follow-up on this, since it was reported.

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2015

The Board of Directors approved the December 2015 Treasurer's Report.

C. Title VI Program 2016-2019

The Board of Directors approved the Title VI Program Resolution 03-2016 for submittal to the FTA.

D. Resolutions in Support of Application for funding through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 04-2016 and Resolution 05-2016 in support of a grant application to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The Board resolutions will enable staff to apply for LCTOP funding to purchase two hybrid buses.

Approved: Spedowfski/Brown

Aye: Biddle, Haubert, Pentin, Brown, Spedowfski, Haggerty, Turner

No: None

Absent: None

6. Comprehensive Operations Analysis – Preferred Alternative

Staff presented the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) preferred alternative to the Board of Directors. The Wheels Planning Team developed a preferred service alternative with a target implementation of either August of 2016 or January 2017, depending on the timing of the Board's approval. The Board of Directors was provided a map of the preferred alternative, route

by route details, public comments, the three original scenarios that were presented at the end of October 2015, and an existing conditions map of the Wheels bus routes.

Thomas Wittmann from Nelson Nygaard presented a PowerPoint regarding the COA preferred alternative and answered the Board of Director's questions. The following were comments on each route:

Route 2: LAVTA is looking into developing "Wheels on Demand", which is a demonstration project that will utilize real-time dynamic ridesharing in the East Dublin area where Route 2 is proposed for elimination due to low ridership. Scott Haggerty does not like Wheels on Demand (WOD) with companies such as Uber and Lyft. Mr. Haggerty would like to see service similar to the airport model used in Orlando, Florida. He is also curious about DART (Wheels demand-response service that ended about 10 years ago) and the statistics/ridership for that service. David Haubert commented that he wants more information on the various options before he can make a decision. Mr. Haubert would also like more bus shelters along school routes and thinks we need to expand service to east Dublin. Lauren Turner would like a service similar WOD for the complete City of Dublin, due to a large portion of the city not being covered by bus transportation. Steven Spedowski requested information on the general public demand response service that LAVTA used to operate.

Route 3: Jerry Pentin communicated that inefficient routes should be cut, but would like to know what LAVTA anticipates Route 3's ridership will be in Pleasanton post COA. Mr. Spedowski requested a preferred alternative map that shows frequencies. Mr. Spedowski also would like to see specific information regarding DART (e.g.: when it ended, why it ended, ridership, cost, etc.). The suggestion was made by Scott Haggerty to publish County Connection schedules on LAVTA's timetables.

Route 9: Karla Brown questioned if James Paxon's concerns regarding Hacienda Business Park transportation to Axis Health Care were addressed. Mr. Wittmann responded that Route 14 was extended to Axis Health Care. Mr. Wittmann mentioned that James Paxon had concerns about Rosewood Commons being served and that LAVTA is looking into shifting a route to assist with this issue.

Route 11: Ms. Turner questioned why Route 11 is serving two ACE rail stations. Mr. Wittmann discussed that Route 11 is a peak time bidirectional route that serves patrons in business areas and allows for bus connections at the Transit Center.

Route 14: Ms. Brown requested that Route 14 operate slightly longer than the Outlets are open to allow employees to utilize our bus system to get back home. Mr. Wittmann commented that Route 14 ends at 10:00pm to accommodate the Outlet employees work hours. Ms. Turner requested that Route 11 and 15 are timed to connect to Route 14 to the library. Mr. Wittmann responded that yes this can be accomplished.

Route 54: Mr. Haubert wanted to know if LAVTA could look at an East Dublin to ACE route. Mr. Wittman is looking at regional commute patterns to help understand the regional transit opportunities. Mr. Haggerty and Ms. Turner suggested a license plate survey from ACE and that possibly a grant from ACTC to conduct this survey or hire students.

Route 70X: Ms. Turner would like to know why LAVTA is spending money on the 70X, since they are not residents of the Tri-Valley. Mr. Wittman said that this is due to regional

competitiveness and that the only alternative for Walnut Creek residents to reach Hacienda Business Park is by using BART or County Connections. Mr. Pentin said that employers pay taxes in our area and that he agrees with a premium fare for 70X. Mr. Spedowski requested information on how long it would take to get from Walnut Creek to Hacienda Business Park using County Connections.

Livermore School Trippers (Route 401, 402, and 403): Mr. Spedowski pointed out that Christensen Middle School is missing on Route 15.

I-580 Express Lanes: There was significant discussion among the Board members about service from Livermore along the new I-580 Express Lanes. Ms. Turner would like to see a route from a Park-N-Ride on Greenville to BART using the Express Lanes.

Michael Tree addressed the Board of Directors and would like to return to the Board with more information on options for WOD, Greenville Park-N-Ride potential and using the Express Lanes, so that they have a greater confidence in the COA recommendations prior to opening up the public comment period. LAVTA would like to have the COA Preferred Alternative implemented as early as fall of 2016 to better match the academic year at the high schools and Las Positas College.

No action was taken by the Board of Directors to open the COA Preferred Alternative public comment period from February 1 – March 11, 2016. The Board of Directors is requesting that LAVTA provide more information at the next Board of Director's meeting on March 7, 2016, and then the Board will consider opening the public comment period.

7. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report provided information on Statistics: Ridership Increases and Complaints/Preventable Accidents, Tri-Valley Regional Rail Advisory Group, Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Wheels Rebranding Study, and Second Electric Bus Grant Submission. Ms. Brown asked what the Wheels rebranding entails. Michael Tree responded that LAVTA is looking at the logo and specifically the name "Wheels" to see if it needs updating. Typically branding should be reviewed every 5-7 years.

8. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 7, 2016

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm