

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**  
**LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair David Haubert at 4:00pm.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**Members Present**

David Haubert – County of Alameda

Brittini Kiick – City of Livermore

Evan Branning – City of Livermore (arrived at 4:17pm)

Jean Josey – City of Dublin

Karla Brown – City of Pleasanton

Julie Testa – City of Pleasanton

Melissa Hernandez – City of Dublin (arrived at 4:03pm)

**3. Meeting Open to Public**

No comments.

**4. January Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes**

[Melissa Hernandez, from City of Dublin, arrived during January Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes.]

Chair Herb Hastings of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the January 4, 2023 TAAC Zoom teleconference meeting. Discussed at the TAAC meeting were the Chair Report announcing the selection of Herb Hastings to be a member of the Caltrans' Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee, Executive Director's Report, Pleasanton Rides' ADA riders transfer to LAVTA, and service updates and concerns. Herb Hastings noted that there was a concern about the Route 8 bus stop at 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Pleasanton, since driver's tend to let people off in the grass versus the cement pad. Director Karla Brown requested staff to look further into the bus stop issue on Route 8 to accommodate ADA and other passengers.

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:**

**A. Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.**

**B. Treasurer's Report for December 2022**

The Board of Directors approved the December 2022 Treasurer's Report.

**C. Adoption of a Resolution Declaring that Agency Meetings Will Continue to Be Held Via Teleconference**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 07-2023 declaring that LAVTA meetings will continue to be held via teleconference.

Approved: Josey/Hernandez

Aye: Brown, Josey, Hernandez, Haubert, Testa, Kiick

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Branning

## **6. 2023 Legislative Program**

[Evan Branning, from City of Livermore, arrived during 2023 Legislative Program.]

Staff briefed the Board on the direction staff is suggesting LAVTA take in support of LAVTA's mission and protecting LAVTA's interests regarding legislative issues in 2023.

The item was discussed by the Board Members and staff. Director Karla Brown inquired if LAVTA was going to Washington, D.C. to request funding and if we are working with local legislators. Staff responded that Executive Director Christy Wegener is going to the APTA Legislative Conference in March and plans to meet with legislators as well as, attending the CTA Legislative Conference in mid-May. Director Evan Branning requested to clarify Valley Link as a separate body from LAVTA, add under State supporting legislation around Paratransit, and ensure LAVTA supports legislation that will ensure proper funding for Transit Oriented Development. Lastly, Director Branning requested the language under the Regional section should support the concept of a transit manager and making sure there is a way of improving system transfers and overall system usage. Director Jean Josey advocated to leave the language regarding Valley Link and supports legislation around Paratransit.

The Board of Director approved Resolution 06-2023 affirming LAVTA's 2023 Legislative Program with the amendment from Director Even Branning to approve the legislative platform with the addition of language around supporting Paratransit and funding for transit in Transit Oriented Development.

Approved: Branning/Josey

Aye: Brown, Josey, Hernandez, Haubert, Testa, Kiick, Branning

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **7. Brown Act Remote Meeting Guidance**

Legal Counsel Michael Conneran briefed the Board of Directors on Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 and options for future in-person meetings. Legal Counsel Michael Conneran noted that public agencies are basically going back to old Brown Act teleconference rules if Board Members want to participate remotely by phone or Zoom. The requirement is the Board Member would need to conduct the meeting from a public area in which the public can attend and that location is to be listed on the agenda. Legal Counsel Michael Conneran recommended that Board of Directors plan to meet in-person for LAVTA's March meeting.

The item was discussed by the Board Members and staff. Chair David Haubert requested a trial

run for in-person Committee meetings at the end of February.

Chair David Haubert opened public comment on Agenda Item 7.

Herb Hastings informed that some of the members of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee had technical issues with Zoom and the main building no longer has a bus stop, so a different location would need to be used for meetings.

Informational item only. No specific action was proposed for this Board meeting.

## **8. Cancellation of Phase Two of 2018-Adopted Fare Increase**

Staff reported on the background of the fare policy changes that were adopted in October 2018 and implemented on January 1, 2019. Staff recommends canceling the fare changes and instead addressing these and other fares at a later date, either through a comprehensive fare evaluation/study or as a part of the regional fare integration work being led by MTC. The financial impact of canceling the phase 2 fare increase is anticipated to be between \$500 and \$1,000 per month.

The item was discussed by the Board Members and staff.

The Board of Directors approved to permanently cancel phase 2 of the previously adopted 2018 fare increase to Senior and Disabled Monthly Pass and Dial-A-Ride ticket.

Approved: Hernandez/Testa

Aye: Brown, Josey, Hernandez, Haubert, Testa, Kiick, Branning

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Christy Wegener reported that ridership decreased in January, due to weather and is around 55% pre-covid average weekday ridership. LAVTAs weekend ridership is still looking strong. Executive Director Christy Wegener noted that BART may reduce feeder bus funding over the next two fiscal years and that LAVTA currently receives approximately \$750-800k annually. BART is looking for a total reduction of 4 million dollars over this fiscal year and next fiscal years funding. Executive Director Christy Wegener also highlighted the One Seat Ride Paratransit Pilot, ACE Rail emergency bus bridges, upcoming grant opportunities, regional network manager business case, SAV Project update, and upcoming procurements.

## **10. Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:50pm

## **11. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b): PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT EVALUATION Title: Executive Director**

## **12. Reconvene to OPEN SESSION**

Meeting reconvened at 5:11pm.

Legal Counsel Michael Conneran reported that there were no reportable actions taken.

**13. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors**

None.

**14. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 6, 2023**

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.