

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

**Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023

**PLACE:** LAVTA Administrative Office

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The TAAC Vice-Chair Shawn Costello called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members Present:

Connie Mack	City of Dublin
Donna Singer	City of Dublin
Shawn Costello	City of Dublin – Alternate
Judy LaMarre	City of Livermore
David Weir	City of Livermore
Susan O’Neill	City of Livermore – Alternate
Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson	City of Pleasanton – Alternate
Kulwant Singh	County of Alameda – Alternate – arrived at 3:36pm
Zack Silva	Social Services
Amy Mauldin	Social Services – arrived at 4:02pm
Esther Waltz	PAPCO Representative

Staff Present:

Christy Wegener	LAVTA
Michael Tobin	LAVTA
Kadri Kulm	LAVTA
Regina Flores	MV Transit
Rashida Kamara	CCCTA
Carlos Gamez	Transdev
Dora Ramirez	Trandev
Victor Carranza	Big Star Transit

Members of the Public:

Cheryl

PCA to a TAAC member

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of Agenda and Modifications in necessary**

Waltz/Mack

**4. Citizens' Forum: An opportunity for members of the audience to comment on a subject not listed on the agenda (under state law, no action may be taken at this meeting)**

None.

**5. Minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Committee**

Approved.

Waltz/Costello

**6. TAAC Bylaws and Membership Update**

Staff gave an update on the committee composition for FY24 and overview of the TAAC bylaws.

David Weir pointed out that according to bylaws the new Chair and Vice Chair should be elected at the last meeting of the fiscal year. Staff agreed that the current practice has been out line with the bylaws for some time, and proposed that at the next meeting the TAAC consider a modification to the bylaws to reflect the current practice of selecting a Chair and Vice Chair at the first meeting of the fiscal year.

**7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

The committee members elected Zack Silva for the committee Chair position and Donna Singer for the committee's Vice-Chair position.

Weir/Waltz

**8. One Seat Ride Program Update**

Rashida Kamara from County Connection gave an update on the regional One Seat Ride pilot program.

**9. PAPCO Report**

Esther Waltz reported on PAPCO's June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. PAPCO elected their officers, Sylvia remains the Chair. Ms. Waltz was elected to be in Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee.

## **10. Service Updates and Concerns**

Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson said she still has troubles with some of the DAR drivers in terms of how they secure her chair and where the chair is located in the vehicle. She prefers sitting toward the front of the vehicle as this is easier for her body. She also has issues on fixed route. Victor Carranza from Big Star Transit addressed her concerns on Wheels Dial-A-Ride.

Shawn Costello reported that 1100 and 1700 Fixed Route buses are too difficult to turn around in. Shawn also mentioned a bus stop on West Las Positas across from Valley Care Medical, which he had already contacted the City of Pleasanton and LAVTA about. The bus stop has a path for wheelchairs that is located behind the shelter and therefore hard to find. Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson added that the path is too narrow.

Judy LaMarre reported that her rides on Sundays are sometimes late. Sometimes drivers get to her place before her pick-up window starts and she feels rushed.

Victor Carranza said that all the minivans are side loaders, but they cannot transport anyone sideways and need to face forward. For passengers whose mobility device does not fit into side loaders, Big Star also has larger vehicles available. All the Tri-Valley vehicles now have Wheels Dial-A-Ride toppers.

David Weir updated the committee that the RTC Clipper card is getting a new name – Clipper Access in the next generation Clipper system (scheduled for Summer, 2024), this is when the logo will also be updated.

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.