

STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Long Range Transit Plan - Approval

**FROM:** Christy Wegener, Executive Director

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**Action**

Endorse and forward the Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) to the Board of Directors for approval.

**Background**

Following the completion of LAVTA's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) in December 2022, the agency began work on a Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) which focuses on the long term vision of transit for the Tri-Valley Region, including an evaluation of housing and employment growth, an updated evaluation of demographic characteristics, and specific transit service changes to align with and complement planned Valley Link commuter rail service.

The SRTP was cost-constrained per Metropolitan Transportation Committee (MTC) guidelines and focused on prioritized service restoration following reductions related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The LRTP is focused on aligning future service investments with planned housing and employment growth areas and coordinating services with planned Valley Link commuter rail station locations and schedules. The LRTP is cost unconstrained and illustrates likely transit needs by 2034.

The Long Range Transit Plan is broken into several components:

- A document review that includes a review of all current local and regional planning documents, the most recently approved Housing Elements, and the Valley Link Service Plan.
- Demographic analysis that builds upon the analysis completed as a part of the SRTP, but with more recent data made available to reflect current conditions more accurately.
- A summary of the Wheels in Motion Network Changes, highlighting the near-term service changes that are planned for 2024 that will be built upon by the long-term recommendations.
- Recommendations detailing the network changes that LAVTA will need to make in order to meet the growing needs of the Tri-Valley and to align with other regional transit investments.

**Discussion**

The Long Range Transit Plan is included at Attachment 1. Staff will present a detailed overview of the LRTP's contents during the Committee meeting.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Projects and Services Committee endorse and forward the Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) to the Board of Directors for approval.

**Attachments:**

1. Long Range Transit Plan 2023-2034