

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Formalizing Route 201 – Supplemental Service to Emerald High School
 FROM: Mike Tobin, Director of Operations
 DATE: January 6, 2025

Action Requested

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors formally approve the adoption of Route 201 as a permanent route.

Background

Emerald High School, located in Dublin, CA, opened in August 2024. In response, LAVTA launched Route 201, a bus route that is convenient for Emerald High School students in the Positano and Dublin Ranch neighborhoods.

Initial projections indicated that approximately 40 students would use the service in the morning and 80 students in the afternoon, which led to the recommendation of one morning bus and two afternoon buses, with resources reallocated from existing school tripper 500-series routes serving Dublin High School (DHS).

Staff recommended that Route 201 be implemented in August 2024 as a pilot program, with the understanding that service levels could be revisited once ridership data was collected after the start of the school year. Based on data from August through November, the demand has aligned with initial projections, and no further adjustments to service are needed at this time.

Month	AWB
August	91
September	92
October	72
November	77

Table 1 Average Weekday Boardings by month for Route 201

Additionally, according to the Dublin Unified School District, Emerald High School's enrollment is projected to reach 1,172 students by the 2024/2025 school year and grow to 1,765 students by 2025/2026. Based on these projections, the current resource allocation for Route 201 is expected to adequately meet demand as enrollment increases over the next year. Staff will continue to monitor ridership closely and adjust service levels if necessary to ensure that capacity remains aligned with demand.

At the November Board meeting, the Board approved staff's recommendation and took action to open the public comment period and set the public hearing date for December 2nd to receive input on the formalization of Route 201. The public hearing was held at the December 2nd Board meeting, no public comments were received.

Budget

There is no direct budget impact associated with the adoption of Route 201, as resources for this route were reallocated from existing service and included in the FY25 budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 02-2025, formalizing Route 201 as a permanent route.

Attachments

1. Resolution 02-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FORMALIZE ROUTE 201 AS A PERMANENT
ROUTE**

WHEREAS, in August 2024 Emerald High School opened to freshman and sophomores living in East Dublin, reducing the number of students traveling to Dublin High School from East Dublin; and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) launched Route 201 as a pilot service primarily intended for the Dublin Ranch and Positano neighborhoods, convenient for students attending Emerald High School, by reallocating buses from existing routes serving Dublin High School; and

WHEREAS, staff have monitored ridership and performance of pilot Route 201 since the route began operating in August; and

WHEREAS, staff project that the resources allocated to pilot Route 201, including one morning and two afternoon buses, are sufficient for the current and projected future ridership, and seek to make the route permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Board opened the public comment period on November 3, 2024 and held a public hearing on December 2, 2024 in order to receive comments about the formalization of Route 201, with no public comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the Board authorizes formalization of Route 201 – service to Emerald High School in Dublin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Evan Branning, Chair

ATTEST

Christy Wegener, Executive Director