

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Summer School Service Update
FROM: Michael Tobin, Director of Operations & Planning
DATE: March 24, 2025

Action Requested

None – this is an informational update.

Background

Beyond its main academic year programs, the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) offers a session during the summer for remedial purposes and for students who for other reasons need an extended school year program.

Separately, the Dublin Partners in Education (DPIE) provides a summer enrichment program for all grades, including an academic summer program tailored for middle- and high school students.

Both of the above programs are held at Dublin High School, with similar bell times.

During the main academic year, LAVTA operates five supplemental (school) routes that together serve Dublin High School, Emerald High School, and Wells Middle School. Last year, LAVTA provided service on three of these routes during the summer session at DHS, which on average carried a total of 77 one-way boardings per day.

Based on the above, the operations plan for this year's summer session is to run two buses from East Dublin to DHS in the morning, and vice versa in the afternoon. Operating this service with routes 501 and 502 - both of which connect DHS to and from neighborhoods in East Dublin - is expected to provide the best capacity/coverage combination to accommodate student travel needs for the two programs (DUSD and DPIE) during the 2025 summer.

The anticipated dates of operation would be weekdays, June 9 thru July 18, 2025, excluding holidays, with inbound service during the 8 a.m. hour, and outbound service during the 2 p.m. hour.

Route 18

Furthermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Extended Student Services (ESS) is a licensed child development program serving children TK through fifth grade. The program is housed at eight elementary schools throughout Livermore.

While the ESS program is provided throughout the year before and after regular school hours, its summer session spans all day and include frequent midday excursions to various activities in the community, which are able to use public transit if available.

Four of the eight ESS locations are situated along the Wheels Route 18 (Granada / Sunset), a line that provides service during commute hours but not during the midday. The director of the ESS program has asked LAVTA Staff for consideration to extend the a.m. service on the #18 by one additional trip, in order to better facilitate using Wheels for the classes' excursion trips.

When the agency accommodated a similar request last summer, the extra trip carried more passengers, on average, than the regular trips on the #18. With that, Staff is viewing this year's request favorably and is planning to again add an extra a.m. trip during the summer of 2025. The extra trip would arrive at the Transit Center at 9:54a, extending the morning service by forty minutes (compared to the regular schedule that ends at 9:14a). The total cost increment to provide the extra trip over the summer is estimated at approximately \$2,000, minus fare revenue.

Recommendation

None -this item is informational only