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Wheels Announces Service Changes Effective Saturday, February 21, 2015

LIVERMORE, Calif., February 5, 2015 – The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, is making minor changes to several of its regular and school-focused bus routes *effective Saturday February 21, 2015*. The route and schedule changes are as follows:

Route 2 – The afternoon schedule has been modified to improve timings for Fallon Middle School students; trips now depart E Dublin BART at 30 minutes past each hour instead of at the hour.

Route 9 – Trips that previously operated as Route 70X now operate as Route 9 in the Hacienda Business Park. The Inglewood/Chabot loop has been discontinued.

Route 10 – The morning starting time of service has been modified; westbound service now begins approximately 30 minutes later, while eastbound service starts approximately 30 minutes earlier than in the previous schedule.

Route 11 – The previous 5:57am trip has been discontinued, and a new 8:12am trip added to the morning service. In the afternoon, all trips now depart the Transit Center 15 minutes later compared to the previous schedule.

Route 70X – See notation for Route 9 above; passengers will continue to be able to travel between the Walnut Creek and Hacienda areas and vice versa without the need to transfer buses.

Route 605 – The route has been extended to Martin Avenue, and now operates the segment similar to Route 608.

In addition, minor timing adjustments have been made to the schedules of routes 10, 12, 15, and Rapid.

Updated Wheels bus books are available now at key locations in the Tri-Valley, including the Livermore Transit Center, as well as onboard the buses. Wheels riders can also get information on the service change at <u>www.wheelsbus.com</u>, or by calling the Wheels Customer Service line at (925) 455-7500.

About the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is the provider of the Wheels fixed bus routes and paratransit service in the Tri Valley area. Wheels was founded in 1985 by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and Alameda County to serve the community's transit needs and interests. Wheels mission is to provide equal access to a variety of safe,

customer oriented, reliable, and affordable public transportation choices, increasing the mobility and improving the quality of life of those who live, work in or visit the Tri Valley.

Wheels supports environmental sustainability by eliminating thousands of car trips off local roads, easing traffic congestion and helping to keep the air clean in Tri-Valley. We are able to continually provide services through the support of federal, state and local funding, including Alameda County's Measure B. Wheels serves nearly 2 million customers a year with our Wheels fixed bus routes and our paratransit services.

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