Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority

# STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Wheels Dial-A-Ride "Riders Guide"

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## Action Requested

Information only.

#### Background

In early 2015 WAAC members provided their feedback in updating the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) "How to Ride Guide" brochure. The brochure was then approved by LAVTA Board in March 2015.

#### Discussion

The "How to Ride Guide" brochure is a great tool for the riders to learn the basics about the DAR service; however, in addition to this short brochure there is also the need for a more comprehensive guide that details DAR policies in greater detail. LAVTA has never had a comprehensive "Riders Guide" booklet before and believes it will be a great tool for our riders.

Attached is the draft Comprehensive DAR Riders Guide Table of Contents for your review.

#### Next Steps

Staff is aiming to publish the Comprehensive DAR Riders Guide in the spring, 2016.

#### Attachment:

Draft Comprehensive DAR Riders Guide Table of Contents

## COMPREHENSIVE WHEELS DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERS GUIDE

Updated xx-xx-xxxx

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