

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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PROJECTS and SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING / COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SCOTT HAGGERTY – CHAIR	KARLA BROWN
DAVID HAUBERT – VICE CHAIR	STEVEN SPEDOWFSKI

DATE: Monday, February 22, 2016

PLACE: Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore

TIME: 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chair David Haubert called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Karla Brown, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin
Steven Spedowfski, Councilmember, City of Livermore

Members Absent

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County

3. Meeting Open to Public

Robert Allen

Robert Allen provided the P&S Committee with an aerial photo of a Park-N-Ride (vacant lot BART owns). Robert Allen is requesting that a direct shuttle bus between this Park-N-Ride and Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station with a possible stop in front of the Livermore airport. The schedule he proposed requires three buses running approximately 19 round trips each per day.

Julie Hopkins

Julie Hopkins, Coordinator for LARPD Smith Extended Student Services (ESS) is requesting LAVTA bus service for Livermore area summer field trips from June 20, 2016 to August 17, 2016. Ms. Hopkins provided the P&S Committee a list of

venues and dollar amount for bus tickets purchased last year for summer field trips. She hopes to continue using our bus system in the future for summer field trips and would like to ensure this with LAVTA. Christy Wegener responded that we will be bringing our plan for summer schools service to the Committee in March and in April 4th the Board will review the plans.

4. Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Meeting of the P&S Committee.

Approved: Spedowfski/Brown
Aye: Brown, Spedowfski, Haubert
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Haggerty

5. Comprehensive Operations Analysis – Preferred Alternative

Staff presented the revised Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) preferred alternative to the Project and Services Committee (P&S Committee) based on feedback provided in January and February. The P&S Committee was provided a map of the existing service, preferred alternative, and peak frequency.

Thomas Wittmann from Nelson Nygaard presented a PowerPoint regarding the revised COA preferred alternative and answered Committee questions. Mr. Wittmann introduced 580X a new route operating bi-directional peak-only non-stop service weekdays between Livermore Transit Center and BART. Route 580X will operate every 30 minutes during the peak periods on Weekdays and will be timed to meet BART trains, utilizing the HOT lanes on I-580. The P&S Committee has concerns regarding parking and LAVTA staff explained that studies are being conducted by the City of Livermore and Tri-Valley Park-N-Ride. Staff proposed one bus stop on the corner of N. Livermore Avenue to pick up ridership from the neighborhood. The P&S Committee said that they are not opposed to a stop on N. Livermore Avenue, but would like it to understand whether adding a residential stop would add time to the schedule. Resources from Route 70XV were reallocated to the new Route 580X.

The peak service levels were adjusted on Route 3 from 20 minutes to 45 minutes in Pleasanton to reflect ridership potential. Route 3 will provide service to Stoneridge Mall, medical facilities, BART, and connect with the Rapid at E. Dublin/Pleasanton BART to allow access to Los Positas College. Staff did advise the WAAC Committee that the bridge at BART will need to be utilized to access the Stoneridge Mall from the W. Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station with the proposed Rapid service changes. WAAC members informed LAVTA staff they already utilize the BART bridge, so it will not be a major change for them.

Additional trips were added from East Dublin to Dublin High by adding a 3rd route. Michael Tree met with Steve Hanke from the school district to review the concept of a 3rd route and Mr. Hanke is in favor of the additional route.

LAVTA looked into a FLEX Service (agency operated zone service) where a phone application is used to reserve trips. The service would pick-up/drop-off at an existing bus stop to improve efficiency. LAVTA would assign two vehicles to reduce passenger wait times for this service option. FLEX service is slightly more productive than a fixed-route bus, but has nearly the same operating costs as fixed-route. Another option is a Transportation Network Company (TNC) Service that is a partnership with private companies that will utilize real-time, dynamic ridesharing in two project areas (West Dublin and East Dublin). LAVTA has been in discussion with ACTC regarding grants for this project. Karla Brown asked how the agency plans to address private company driver liability. Michael Tree has initiated discussions with both legal counsel and CalTIP on the topic of liability. It can be mitigated by a formalized agreement that would set minimum background check and drug testing standards, as well as minimum insurance levels.

A motion was made to forward to the Board of Directors to open the public comment period from March 7 – April 8, 2016, and set the public hearing date for April 4, 2016 for the COA Preferred Alternative.

Approved: Brown/ Spedowski
Aye: Brown, Spedowski, Haubert
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Haggerty

6. FY 2016 2nd Quarter Report – Operations

Staff provided information on the 2nd Quarter FY2016 (October – December) Operation statistics. Discussed was the fixed route, paratransit, and operational performance metrics. LAVTA had a 2.8% increase of ridership in the second quarter. On-time performance increased slightly to 80%. Paratransit increased by 18.9% for passengers and increased 24.4% for number of trips. LAVTA's fixed route contractor recorded 19 accidents in the 2nd quarter, six were determined preventable, and thirteen deemed non-preventable. Complaints were higher in the 2nd quarter, largely due to planning requests, rather complaints regarding service being delivered.

This item was informational only.

7. Second Quarter 2016 Marketing and Outreach Activities

Staff provided an update on Marketing and Outreach activities implemented during the second quarter of fiscal year 2016. Upcoming activities and events include: Wheels Forward public hearing and comment period, wheelsbus.com mobile website, Wheels timetables and customer information brochures, Wheels rebranding, St. Patrick's Day parade and festival, and Livermore Wine Festival. Steven Spedowski asked if we can have people ride buses during parades. Staff responded that LAVTA can have people ride buses during parade events. During rebranding LAVTA plans to incorporate the Rapid differently into our branding, so customers know Rapid and Wheels are both part of LAVTA's bus system.

This item was informational only

8. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items

9. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

None

10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 28, 2016

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm.