

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** June 6, 2016  
**PLACE:** Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices  
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore CA  
**TIME:** 4:00pm

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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Don Biddle at 4:00 pm

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**Members Present**

Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda  
David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin  
Don Biddle – Councilmember, City of Dublin  
Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton  
Jerry Pentin – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton  
Laureen Turner – Councilmember, City of Livermore  
Steven Spedowfski – Councilmember, City of Livermore

**3. Meeting Open to Public**

Laureen Turner, Councilmember from City of Livermore, arrived during the meeting being opened to the public.

**Richard Fierro**

Richard Fierro addressed the Board regarding item 8 on the agenda. Mr. Fierro is representing MV Driver's and opposes Wheels on Demand. Mr. Fierro feels that contractually this is MV Driver's work and this would be subcontracted work that they do. Secondly, Mr. Fierro feels it is bad public policy to give money to companies such as Uber and Lyft who are worth billions and being sued for how they treat people. Mr. Fierro explained that MV has eighty skilled, trained, and dedicated workers that did not have an opportunity to create something similar to this model. MV understands that Route 2 and 3 were not very cost effective, but would like the opportunity to use the MV employees that LAVTA has to create a model like Uber/Lyft. Mr. Fierro said that MV is not opposed to innovation, but is opposed to neglecting the needs of public responsibility. Mr. Fierro requests that the Board do not approve Wheels on Demand.

**Shawn Costello**

Shawn Costello addressed the Board regarding item 8 on the agenda. Mr. Costello is a Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee (WAAC) member for over 20 years and explained that the Committee was not asked to vote on these changes. Mr. Costello does not want to lose Route

12, because it is difficult for people with wheel chairs to arrive at LAVTA using other transportation. Today Mr. Costello used Dial-A-Ride and was late to this meeting. Mr. Costello wants transportation to be accessible for anyone. Mr. Costello feels that if Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV) are used in the future it will not be accessible for wheel chairs. Mr. Costello has concerns about Route 12 being replaced with the Rapid, due to frequent stops. Mr. Costello said that the Rapid would no longer be fast service and it should be renamed.

Shawn Costello also addressed the Board regarding item 9 on the agenda. Mr. Costello requested that the WAAC be included in the SAV study discussions. Mr. Costello also wants disabled riders to be included in the study, because the taxi program for Dial-A-Ride were not wheel chair accessible and made it difficult for disabled patrons to use transportation.

#### **4. Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

No questions.

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

**Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:**

##### **A. Minutes of the May 2, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.**

Councilmember Karla Brown requested that a revision be made to agenda item 2 on the May 2, 2016 minutes to reflect that her title is no longer Vice Mayor and change to Councilmember.

##### **B. Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016**

The Board of Directors approved the April 2016 Treasurer's Report.

##### **C. LAVTA Annual Organization Review**

The Board of Directors approved the organizational chart and Resolution 19-2016 adjusting the rates of salary bands for LAVTA employees.

##### **D. Resolution Authorizing Investment of Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Monies in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 20-2016 reauthorizing investment of LAVTA monies in LAIF.

##### **E. Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Appointments for FY17**

The Board of Directors considered Resolution 21-2016, ratifying the appointments to the Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee as follows:

- Connie Mack – City of Dublin, Member
- Russ Riley – City of Livermore, Member
- Regina Linse – City of Pleasanton, Alternate
- Herb Hastings – Alameda County, Member
- Jennifer Cullen – Social Services, Member

- Pam Deaton – Social Services, Member
- Amy Mauldin – Social Services, Member

**F. FY 2017 Marketing Plan**

The Board of Directors approved the FY2017 Wheels Marketing Plan.

Approved: Spedowfski/Pentin

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowfski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

**6. Election of LAVTA Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board nominated and elected a LAVTA Board Chair and Vice Chair for FY17 in accordance with the agency's bylaws.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scott Haggerty to select the following as the LAVTA Board Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2017:

Chair – Steven Spedowfski

Vice Chair – Karla Brown

Approved: Haggerty/Turner

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowfski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

**7. LAVTA's Operating & Capital Budget for FY 2017**

Supervisor Scott Haggerty requested that Executive Director Michael Tree discuss the Doolan Tower Upgrade with Tom McCarthy to see if the upgrade is necessary.

The Board approved the final Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2017. Resolution 18-2016.

Approved: Haubert/Pentin

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowfski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

**8. Final Comprehensive Operations Analysis Route Changes**

The motion was made by Board Chair Don Biddle to vote on each recommendation separately.

The Board of Directors approved Routes 11, 20X, and 580X and authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Approved: Turner/Haggerty

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowfski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

The Board of Directors approved Wheels on Demand as described in the documents provided. Councilmember Laureen Turner pointed out that this is a pilot program on a temporary basis (1 year) and possible adjustments to be made if the Union has an issue.

Approved: Turner/Brown

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowski, Biddle, Haubert

No: Haggerty

Absent: None

Mayor David Haubert requested that LAVTA contact patrons who requested not to eliminate Route 2 and inform them LAVTA is reinstating Route 2.

The Board of Directors approved reinstating Route 2 and authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Approved: Turner/Pentin

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

## **9. Shared Autonomous Vehicle Technology Demonstration Project**

Executive Director Michael Tree gave a brief overview of how LAVTA would utilize Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV). The shuttle program will complement and be integrated with traditional modes of transit. This shuttle program will enhance transit system ridership and contribute to modal shift and the overall optimization of our transportation network in Alameda County. The SAV demonstration project will be two years in duration and LAVTA will obtain two vehicles that will be operated and maintained.

Habib Shamskhov from Stantec gave the Board a brief explanation of Shared Autonomous Vehicle Technology.

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved a proposal for LAVTA to sponsor a demonstration project in the City of Dublin for the implementation of a shuttle service to the Dublin BART stations using Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV) technology. The \$1 million two year demonstrations project is proposed to be funded with a grant from the Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Programs.

Approved: Spedowski/Brown

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Turner, Spedowski, Biddle, Haubert, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: None

## **10. Agency Rebranding Presentation**

Scott Kirk from PAVLOV Advertising presented a PowerPoint to the Board regarding the rebranding research that was conducted. This research was sent to the Board of Directors, staff,

key stakeholders and residents in the Tri-Valley. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the logo and redesign aspects will be brought back to the Board in September.

This was an informational item only.

## **11. Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director's Report provided information on Las Positas College Easy Pass Demonstration Project, Altamont Regional Rail Working Group, Paratransit Ridership, Livermore Historic Train Depot Project, and Alternative Workweek Schedule. Michael Tree noted that the Historic Train Depot will be moved and rebuilt at the Transit Center and will be beautiful when finished. Michael Tree also brought up concerns with the Alternative Workweek Schedule (AWS), due to half of the staff being out of the office on Fridays. Staff is discussing solutions, including all employees returning to a traditional Monday through Friday workweek.

Vice Chair Steven Spedowski mentioned that he had a conversation with a member of the Livermore Heritage Guild that possibly knows the location of the original ticketing window hardware for the Historic Train Depot. Mr. Spedowski will inform anyone that may have an original piece of the Train Depot to bring it to their attention, so that it becomes part of the plans.

Councilmember Laureen Turner acknowledged that LAVTA's Marketing Plan is substantial and requests that staff let the Board know if Temporary staff or additional help is needed.

Councilmember Karla Brown explained that if there is a push back from LAVTA employees regarding changes to the AWS to keep mindful of other possibilities like staggering days off (Monday and Fridays) or work from home (1/2 days). Councilmember Brown said that three days off is a wonderful advantage for employees. Councilmember Brown would hate to see any valuable LAVTA employees feel like a traditional workweek is a schedule they can't adjust to.

## **12. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors**

None.

## **13. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: July 11, 2016**

## **14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm