

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: February 6, 2017
PLACE: Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore CA
TIME: 4:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Steven Spedowfski at 4:01 pm

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda
Don Biddle – Vice Mayor, City of Dublin
Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Kathy Narum – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Steven Spedowfski – Vice Mayor, City of Livermore
Bob Coomber – Councilmember, City of Livermore

Members Absent

David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin
Jerry Pentin – Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton

3. Meeting Open to Public

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen addressed the Board regarding item 4 on the agenda. Mr. Allen requested that item 2 “Citizens’ Forum” on the Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes be corrected to say the following: “The bus would operate 14 hours a day and that the ABLE Commute would save each Livermore rider about three hours per week as compared to 10-R and 30-R.”

4. January Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes Report

No questions.

Karla Brown respectfully acknowledged the membership and passing of Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee member Nancy Barr who represented Livermore

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. **Minutes of the January 2, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.**

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

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

C. **Dial-A-Ride Passenger Survey 2016**

This was informational only.

D. **Declaration of Surplus Property in Compliance with LAVTA Policy for Disposition of Surplus Property**

The Board of Directors declares as surplus one (1) bus and ratifies the disposal through a method consistent with LAVTA's Policy for Disposition of Surplus Property.

E. **Summer 2017 Service Changes**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 07-2017 and Resolution 08-2017 for the accommodation for the DUSD summer program at Dublin High School by operating routes 501 and 502 five days a week during the 2017 summer session. The Board of Directors also approved the accommodation for the PUSD summer program by operating routes 602 and 604 four days per week during the 2017 summer session. Also approved was the modification of Route 1 service to directly connect to the ECHOJ and operate every 30 minutes all day on weekdays.

F. **Wheels Service to the 2017 Alameda County Fair**

The Board of Directors approved to operate a dedicated, hourly shuttle service between the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and the Fairgrounds during the 2017 Alameda County Fair. Resolution 09-2017.

G. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Request and Receive Federal Transit Funding under FTA's Section 5310 Program**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 10-2017.

H. **Resolution authorizing participation in the Employment Risk Management Authority**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 11-2017, a resolution authorizing LAVTA participation in the Employment Risk Management Authority.

Approved: Biddle/Brown

Aye: Brown, Narum, Biddle, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski

No: None

Absent: Haubert, Pentin

6. Shared Autonomous Vehicles Update

STANTEC's Senior Principle Arya Rohani, PE provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) project in Bishop Ranch, and the next steps for the Dublin SAV pilot. GoMentum was noted as a 5,000-acre former naval weapons station in Concord, CA where the CCTA and its partners lead and facilitate a collaborative effort aimed at accelerating the next generation of transportation technologies. By focusing on early investments and strategic partnerships, GoMentum Station is well-positioned to redefine the transportation network infrastructure in the United States and the world.

There are 5 levels of SAVs. Level 1 is how we have always driven a car. Level 5 SAVs have no gas or brake pedals or steering wheels. Mr. Rohani noted that one challenge is SAV policies vary by state. The US Department of Transportation created policy guidelines in September 2016 intended to assist states to have a uniformed approach.

There will be 180 SAVs ultimately deployed in Contra Costa County. The SAVs should have +3.76 million riders per year, which will solve many of the first/last mile problems in public transportation. There will also be a 90% safety increase in the next 30-40 years if most cars are SAVs. The SAVs can be setup for fixed route schedules or some type of hybrid between a fixed route and "On Demand" structured system.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked how SAVs will know that passengers are safely in their seats and how the vehicles are protected from damage. Mr. Rohani stated that the vehicles have sensors and cameras inside and outside the vehicle to help secure and protect them from these type of issues with real time monitoring. There are functions inside the vehicle that can be pushed that allows patrons to summon help if needed.

Councilmember Bob Coomber asked about the legalities of being sued and how fault is determined. Councilmember Bob Coomber would also like to know how wheel chairs will be strapped in. Mr. Rohani explained that the vehicles do have a wheel chair ramp for accessibility. However, some adjustments will need to be made so that SAVs meet ADA standards. Mr. Rohani then addressed the legality question and stated that insurance is already addressed and assured.

Vice Mayor Don Biddle wanted to know how testing SAVs in an enclosed area translates to public city streets. Mr. Rohani stated that initial testing will not be done with people on city streets. When competency is demonstrated, the SAVs will then be tested in Bishop Ranch. The maximum speed limit on a SAV is 35 mph.

Vice Mayor Spedowfski asked where Contra Costa County Transportation Authority is in utilizing SAVs. CCCTA is participating and a Memorandum of Understanding is being completed.

This was informational only.

7. 2017 Legislative Program

Staff provided a brief summary of the proposed 2017 Legislative Program. Attachment 2 to the Resolution outlines the principles and values important to LAVTA in helping to advance public transportation.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 12-2017 and adopted the 2017 Legislative Program.

Approved: Brown/Narum

Aye: Brown, Narum, Biddle, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowski

No: None

Absent: Haubert, Pentin

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michael Tree noted staff recruitment currently going on and stated that Jennifer Yeamans is a perfect example of the positive changes happening at LAVTA. Tony McCaulay has also been hired as LAVTA's new Marketing Manager and will come on-board in early March. LAVTA should also have a new Director of Finance hired in March and currently interviews are being completed.

Executive Director Michael Tree highlighted that on January 29 our Wheels Operations Department completed 100 days without a preventable accident. Research going back to 2002 shows that the transit agency's previous best effort was just over 60 days without a preventable accident. LAVTA had lunch for the Operations Department in celebration and will provide \$100.00 VISA gift cards.

Executive Director Michael Tree also provided information on the approval in January by the Livermore City Council to relocate and renovate the Livermore Historic Train Depot to the LAVTA Transit Center in downtown Livermore. This relocation will occur in March. Councilmember Karla Brown requested to have the LAVTA Board and Livermore City Council invited to the ribbon cutting.

9. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 6, 2017

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.