

MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2017
LAVTA FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Don Biddle called the meeting to order at 3:58pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Jerry Pentin, Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Don Biddle, Vice Mayor, City of Dublin
Bob Coomber, Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

No Comments.

4. Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Meeting of the F&A Committee

Approved: Pentin/Coomber
Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

5. Treasurer's Report for April 2017

The Finance and Administration Committee recommended submitting the April 2017 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval.

Approved: Coomber/Pentin
Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. One Year Extension to Legal Services Agreement with Hanson Bridgett LLP

The Finance & Administration Committee approved forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Directors to exercise an option year and extend the legal services agreement from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Approved: Coomber/Pentin
Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7. LAVTA's Operating & Capital Budget for FY 2018

Staff presented to the Finance and Administration Committee the final Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2018. Staff stated that this year there are two additional funds Wheels on Demand that covers the Go Dublin and SAV projects and the Altamont Regional Rail Working Group. The total operating budget is \$18,365,925 which reflects an overall increase of 6.02% from FY 2017. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin requested LAVTA create a spreadsheet showing what LAVTA requested and received for TDA funds over the last 5-10 years. Staff responded that we can make a spreadsheet showing what was projected for that year and what LAVTA received. The Finance and Administration Committee forwards the final Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2018 to the Board for approval. Resolution 23-2017.

Approved: Coomber/Pentin

Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Fare Policy Discussion

Staff provided a PowerPoint with information on fare policy to the Finance and Administration Committee. As part of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) there was an optional task to look at LAVTA's fares. The fare study includes an analysis of agency trends, a snapshot of the current fare breakdown, an examination of potential fare policy adjustments and associated ridership/revenue impacts, and a package of recommendations. Included in the review was a comparison to other Bay Area transit properties of similar size and operating condition. The following potential fare modifications have been included as part of the fare study:

- 1.) Eliminate Transfers and Replace with a Day Pass
- 2.) Eliminate Farebusters and Replace with a Day Pass
- 3.) Monthly Pass price increase - senior/disabled
- 4.) Implement Youth Fare (\$1)
- 5.) Modify the Regional Express Fare
- 6.) Modify Transfer Policy (to one transfer every 2 hours)
- 7.) Demand Response: Increase Paratransit Fare to \$4

Staff discussed each of the potential changes, and the benefits and drawbacks of a fare increase (or decrease) at this time. Staff proposed holding off on an increase to the paratransit fare so that it can be evaluated as a part of the comprehensive paratransit study. For discussion purposes, staff proposed the following potential fare changes for discussion:

- 1.) Increase in the Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass from \$18 to \$20 or \$25
- 2.) Implementing a two-phased modification in the transfer policy: The first phase would include a shift to a one-transfer per two hour policy; the second phase would be to eliminate transfers and implement a cash day pass at \$4.00 when the fareboxes are upgraded.
- 3.) Increasing the Farebuster price to \$1.80.
- 4.) Increasing the express fare on Route 70X to \$2.25 or \$2.50.

The potential next steps:

- 1.) Do nothing: Wait to see the full 18+ month implementation of COA and allow ridership to mature
- 2.) Direct staff to come back with an action-item at a later time, or as soon as June
- 3.) Take action now, but for a later or phased implementation

Staff reported that the Projects and Services Committee's feedback was to hold off on any potential changes for at least 6-months to give the routes time to mature. Board Member Jerry Pentin commented that he thinks there may be some simple changes that the Agency can make in the short term, including aligning with the Clipper policy in terms of the number of transfers, taking a phased approach. Mr. Pentin also commented that an increase in the express fare would be a recommendation he could support in the short term. The Finance and Administration Committee Meeting would like to revisit the Fare Policy after summer and discuss developing an action plan to address some of the short

This was informational only.

9. LAVTA Comments on Draft Plan Bay Area 2040

Staff provided LAVTA comments on Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 to the Finance and Administrations Committee. Staff informed the Finance and Administration Committee that our comments will be included with many other agencies comments and that the comments will not have an impact on our agencies budget. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), known as Bay Area 2040, is a federal and state requirement to guide regional decision-making with regards to prioritizing sources of federal, state, and regional transportation funding, and, under the requirements of SB 375, to identify a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the region to ensure the RTP and SCS are consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process overseen by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), with a development pattern that promotes reductions in greenhouse gases based on emissions targets set for the region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The Finance and Administration Committee Staff proposes to frame LAVTA's comments on the draft Plan's proposed policies and investments in accordance with the five policy principles laid out in LAVTA's 2017 Legislative Program, which the Board of Directors adopted in February 2017.

The Finance and Administration Committee provided direction to staff on the proposed comments from LAVTA on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 prior to the comment deadline of June 1. Vice Mayor Pentin noted that the California High Speed Rail system was the top-funded project in the Plan. Vice Mayor Biddle commented that the region today is larger than the original nine counties.

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10. Preview of Upcoming F&A Committee Agenda Items

11. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

None.

12. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: June 27, 2017

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.