

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017 LAVTA BOARD MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Steven Spedowfski at 4:00 pm

### **2. Roll Call of Members**

#### **Members Present**

Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda  
David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin  
Jerry Pentin – Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton  
Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton  
Steven Spedowfski – Vice Mayor, City of Livermore  
Bob Coomber – Councilmember, City of Livermore

#### **Members Absent**

Don Biddle – Vice Mayor, City of Dublin

### **3. Meeting Open to Public**

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen addressed the Board of Directors regarding March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and iBART. Mr. Allen stated that he did not believe that LAVTA's Comprehensive Operations Analysis took a serious look at Mr. Allen's suggestions. He then read an email that was sent to Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski and Executive Director Michael Tree. Mr. Allen stated that there is not enough parking at east Dublin BART and presented the concept of iBART. iBART (Interim Isabel BART) would do roughly the equivalent for Livermore for the decade or so until BART rail might be extended. It would connect Livermore parking all day with every BART train in or out from early AM through the evening commute. A three bus LAVTA route would be timed to meet each BART train and berth close to the fare gates. Each train would make 19 loops per day in just over 14 hours. iBART would not only open parking spaces at the station, it would also test the market for similar routes elsewhere in the Tri-Valley, e.g., from Vasco/580, Greenville/580, ACE.

### **4. Consent Agenda**

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

#### **A. Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.**

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin inquired LAVTA's staff regarding whether a Q'Pod representative has reviewed Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson's wheel chair for securement purposes. Director of Planning and Operations Christy Wegener stated that Ms. Rivera-Hendrickson has been under the weather and not able to visit LAVTA for her wheel chair securement with a Q'Pod representative.

#### **B. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2017**

The Board of Directors approved the February 2017 Treasurer's Report.

**C. Approval of Resolutions Authorizing Staff to Apply for TDA, STA, and RM2 funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.**

The Board of Directors approved the attached resolutions authorizing the filing of a claim with MTC for Allocation of TDA Article 4.0, 4.5, STA, and RM2 Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Resolution 18-2017 and Resolution 19-2017.

Approved: Pentin/Coomber

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

**5. Potential Fall 2017 Schedule and Service Modifications**

Staff provided potential Fall 2017 schedule and service modifications to the Board of Directors. LAVTA continually receives input from riders and other stakeholders as to what seems to be working with the August 2016 restructured service and what is not. Customer feedback indicates that the schedules that were implemented in August are not working satisfactorily with regard to transfers at the BART station, Transit Center, and Wheels routes on the weekend schedule. LAVTA is planning to develop revised schedules that could be implemented this coming fall to address these issues. LAVTA also is proposing a few route modifications accommodating a request to slightly extend Route 2, adjustments to Route 14 to the additional resources required for the recently-approved Route 1 extension to the new East County Hall of Justice, a safety modification to the supplemental routes that serve Dublin High School, removing a neighborhood which has no ridership from the Foothill High School supplemental service, and removing redundancy in the service to Fallon Middle School. With the proposed modifications LAVTA will continue to operate slightly below budget after Fall 2017, at about 123,800 hours on an annualized basis. LAVTA will solicit public input during the month of April. Based on additional input received, the proposals will be modified if/as applicable. Recommendations will be brought back to the Project and Services meeting in April, followed by a request for Board approval at their May meeting. The Board of Directors approved to publish these potential changes for public review and comment.

Approved: Pentin/Brown

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

**6. Legislative Update**

Staff provided a legislative update to the Board of Directors. Staff noted that the Administration's proposal cuts Department of Transportation (DOT) funding 13% overall, including the elimination of several key discretionary programs that are important to funding several of the region's large transit and multimodal projects. LAVTA has been tracking bills introduced in the new legislature and in the new Congress to identify those the Authority may wish to support, oppose, or monitor, based on the Authorities priorities. The following legislature is being proposed to monitor and support: AB 1 (Frazier) / SB 1 (Beall), AB 1113 (Bloom), AB 1444 (Baker), and ACA 4 (Aguiar-Curry), and SCA 6 (Wiener). Vice Mayor

Jerry Pentin stated that regarding ACA 4 and SCA 6 in the Project & Services Committee meeting he thought the 55% was to amend the state constitution and did not think it was just for local control, so he can support ACA 4 and SCA 6. Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski stated that as long as it goes to the voters for a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote he supports it as well. Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors the draft legislative language for AB 758 to establish the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the Altamont Regional Rail Working Group will be considering the draft language with some amendments at their April meeting. The Board of Director's motioned to vote approval for each legislative support positions separately to advance the goals and principles of LAVTA's adopted 2017 Legislative Program.

The Board of Directors approved and supported SB 1 (Beall):

Approved: Haggerty/Haubert

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

The Board of Directors did not motion to vote on AB 1 (Frazier).

The Board of Directors approved and supported AB 1113 (Bloom):

Approved: Pentin/Haubert

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

The Board of Directors approved and supported AB 1444 (Baker):

Approved: Brown/Haubert

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

The Board of Directors approved and supported ACA 4 (Aguiar-Curry):

Approved: Pentin/Haggerty

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

The Board of Directors approved and supported SCA 6 (Wiener):

Approved: Haggerty/Haubert

Aye: Brown, Pentin, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Haubert

No: None

Absent: Biddle

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

Executive Director Michael Tree noted that with the extensive rain in January and February the latest ridership and other statistical trends are not representative of trends. Executive Director Michael Tree believes at the moment that LAVTA is on track to meet the 10% ridership increase goal by the 18-month mark following implementation. Executive Director Michael Tree also noted the SmartTrip ambassadors will be working with residents on the Santa Rita Corridor for the next 3 months to generate ridership. LAVTA was recommended for funding to upgrade the Santa Rita Road bus stops and staff plans to bring back discussion in the near future regarding design ideas. Executive Director Michael Tree also introduced Marketing Manager Tony McCaulay.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked about the paratransit drop in ridership and if that will continue in a downward decline. Executive Director Michael Tree discussed the various steps being taken to make sure that only those who truly qualify for paratransit service are using the paratransit system, but noted that he believes the more significant ridership drops in January and February are weather related. Councilmember Karla Brown is concerned and would like to know if the paratransit riders are switching to LAVTA's fixed route and hopes they are not lost ridership, due to being unhappy. Director of Planning and Operations Christy Wegener stated that some paratransit customers are being shifted back to Pleasanton's paratransit. It was noted that ARC has recently moved to Dublin and their contracted transport service was eliminated, so many of those employees are requesting paratransit service. A comprehensive study was kicked off in Pleasanton and soon LAVTA will participate with outreach for this study. Councilmember Karla Brown requested that LAVTA has paratransit riders included in the outreach.

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

None.

## **9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: May 1, 2017**

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.