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## Facts and Figures

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## Service Area

Serving the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, California



The Livermore/Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to citizens of the Tri-Valley, especially for students, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. LAVTA also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who may otherwise drive cars.

The Tri-Valley area is located 39 miles east of San Francisco, California and 28 miles north of Silicon Valley. This area is a crossroads for commuters traveling from the Central Valley to Silicon Valley and other employment destinations. With a combined population of nearly 200,000 residents, the Dublin-Livermore-Pleasanton area is one of the fastest growing areas in the Bay Area.



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### **May 1985**

LAVTA formed by Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Alameda County as a Joint Powers Authority for the provision of public transit service.

### **July 1986**

LAVTA initiated transit service on four fixed routes in the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton with nine leased buses.

### **July 1987**

City of Livermore's Rideo system fully merged with LAVTA.

### **April 1989**

LAVTA initiated service on Route 10 connecting the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton.

### **December 1990**

Thirty-four new buses delivered by the Gillig Corporation.

### **September 1991**

LAVTA moved to a new Maintenance, Operations and Administration facility at Rutan Court, Livermore.

### **January 1996**

LAVTA in full compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requiring paratransit transit.

### **June 1996**

LAVTA celebrated 10 years of service and carried 1,000,000 passengers in a single year.

### **May 1997**

The new Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station opened. LAVTA also launched new revamped route maps and timetables.

### **January 1998**

LAVTA opened the Livermore Transit Center which serves as the main transfer point for the Livermore bus routes and the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE).

### **October 1998**

LAVTA began shuttle service to the ACE train at the Vasco Road and Pleasanton ACE Stations.

### **January 1999**

LAVTA started the new Route 70X Express bus between Pleasanton and the Walnut Creek/Pleasant Hill area.

### **May 2001**

LAVTA served 2,000,000 passengers in a single year.

### **April 2004**

LAVTA introduced automatic vehicle locator (AVL) technology, allowing customers to access "real-time" transit information via the internet and displayed on electronic digital signs aboard the bus and at the



Livermore Transit Center.

### **January 2005**

LAVTA won FTA "Top Website 2004" Award for its on-line real-time information feature.

### **July 2006**

LAVTA celebrated 20 years of service.

### **July 2006**

The first two hybrid buses are received from the Gillig Corporation.

### **January 2008**

Broke ground on bus O&M facility on Atlantis Court, Livermore. Phase I (parking/storage) completed in June.

### **October 2009**

Fourteen hybrid buses delivered for the Rapid BRT project.

### **November 2009**

Broke ground on the Rapid BRT project.

### **December 2010**

Completed construction on the Rapid BRT project.

### **January 2011**

Launched Rapid BRT service.

### **October 2011**

Celebrated 25 years of service.

  
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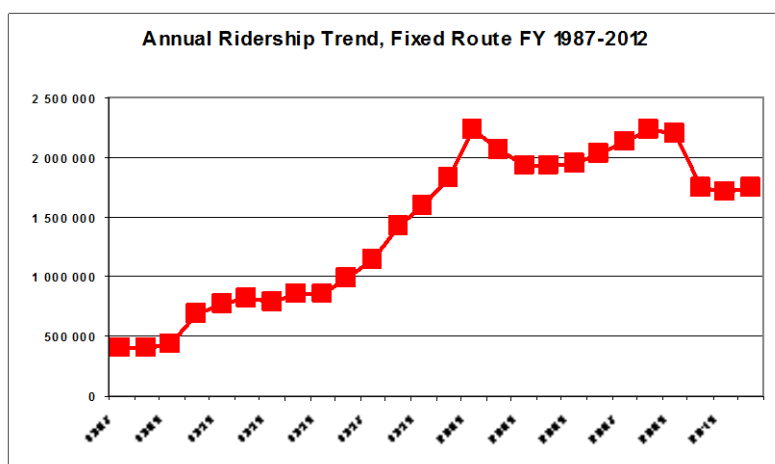


## Organization

LAVTA was formed in 1985 under a Joint Powers Agreement to provide public transit in the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and in nearby unincorporated areas of Alameda County. LAVTA is governed by a seven member board of directors composed of two elected city officials from each City and one member appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The Authority operates bus and paratransit service under the name “Wheels” and contracts with two private companies for the operation and maintenance of the vehicles. Contracting, and periodic re-bidding, assures the most cost effective use of taxpayer dollars.

## Annual Ridership Trend



## During Fiscal Year 2012

- Residents and visitors boarded a Wheels bus over 1.7 million times
- Daily weekday boardings averaged 6,100 trips
- Daily Saturday boardings averaged 2,300 trips
- Daily Sunday boardings averaged 1,500 trips
- Wheels “Dial-A-Ride” paratransit service provided approximately 44,600 trips

## Maintaining Livability

Each weekday, Wheels eliminates thousands of car trips off local roads, easing traffic congestion and helping to keep the air clean in the Tri-Valley.

## Passenger Facilities

Fixed Route Bus Lines .....	16
School Tripper Routes .....	15
Regional Lines.....	1
Commuter Shuttles.....	0
Bus Stops .....	~900
Annual Bus Service Miles .....	1.86M

Wheels buses connect with five other public and private transit systems, including the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE).



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## Active Bus Fleet FY2013

Standard buses (29' – 40') .....	74
Paratransit Vehicles .....	15

## Facilities

**Administration, Maintenance & Operations**  
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100  
Livermore, CA 94551

**Livermore Transit Center**  
2500 Railroad Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94551

**Atlantis O&M Facility**  
875 Atlantis Court  
Livermore, CA 94551

## Budget

Annual Operating Budget FY 12/13 .....	\$15.3 M
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## Board of Directors

Laureen Turner (Chair)  
Councilmember, Livermore

Jerry Thorne (Vice Chair)  
Mayor, Pleasanton

Don Biddle  
Vice Mayor, Dublin

Karla Brown  
Councilmember, Pleasanton

Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor, Alameda County

Tim Sbranti  
Mayor, Dublin

Bob Woerner  
Councilmember, Livermore



## Officials Hired by the Board

Paul Matsuoka, Executive Director

Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel

## Contacting LAVTA

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## Executive Staff

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