

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100
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PROJECTS and SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING / COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KARLA BROWN – CHAIR

DAVID HAUBERT - VICE CHAIR

SCOTT HAGGERTY

STEVEN SPEDOWFSKI

DATE: Monday, June 22, 2015

PLACE: Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore

TIME: 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Karla Brown called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Members Present

Karla Brown, Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton

Don Biddle, Councilmember, City of Dublin

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County

Steven Spedowski, Councilmember, City of Livermore

Members Absent

David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin

2. Meeting Open to Public

No comments.

3. Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Meeting of the P&S Committee.

Approved: Haggerty/Biddle

Aye: Biddle, Brown, Haggerty, Spedowski

No: None

Abstain: None

4. LAVTA Procedures/Policies for USDOT Reasonable Modifications Rule

Staff provided information on the LAVTA Procedures/Policies for USDOT

Reasonable Modifications Rule. Discussed was the USDOT ruling. On March 13, 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a ruling that goes into effect on July, 13, 2015. The ruling is intended to clarify that public transit providers, such as LAVTA must make reasonable modifications in their policies, practices and procedures when necessary, to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability. Unless the transit agency can demonstrate that making the recommended alteration would fundamentally alter the nature of our service, program or activity, or result in an administrative burden. This ruling will apply to both the fixed route service and Dial-a-Ride. A procedure has been developed for how we deal with such requests. Review the staff report for further information.

A motion was made to endorse and forward to the Board of Directors for approval.

Approved: Biddle, Spedowski
Aye: Biddle, Brown, Haggerty, Spedowski
No: None
Abstain: None

5. ADA Paratransit Ridership Increase Analysis

Staff provided an update on the ADA Paratransit ridership increase. According to recent ridership reports, it was noted that paratransit had gone up 24% as compared to the previous year for the same time period. It was determined that the ridership increase is mainly due to the Livermore Go Group program, as well as the Futures Explored, Inc., also in Livermore. This has shown a 140% increase in rides within a five month period over the previous year. Clients of Futures Explored, Inc. are developmentally disabled and qualify for the ADA Paratransit service. The possibility of creating a fixed paratransit route was discussed. This ridership increase calculates out to about \$80K per year in public subsidies, which is an increase that was not anticipated, and is not in the FY2016 budget. It was noted that a facility in Pleasanton for developmentally handicapped adults was approved. This facility indicated that they have their own means of transportation.

This item was informational only.

6. Interim Schedule Adjustments to Improve OTP

Staff provided an update on the plan to improve OTP. An Ad-Hoc Task Force has been created and has met with operations to discuss the routes with the biggest OTP problems. The second initiative of the Task Force is to determine the causes for poor OTP. It is expected that issues such as variability of traffic is a large factor, however there may also be operational problems, such as additional training for operators. The Task Force will investigate and determine the best solution to improve OTP. In some cases, the solution will be schedule adjustments. For instance, changes on a trip by trip basis or by time of day, which has been done for the larger routes in the past.

The team has looked at routes 3, 12, 15 & 54. The team has already made route adjustments on Route 3, improving OTP.

With Route 70 a circulation change will be made in the early Fall at the Contra Costa end, and then review will be done to determine next steps.

Mr. Haggerty voiced his concern about running LAVTA busses all the way up Interstate 680 to Pleasant Hill. This concern will be discussed by the Board in the upcoming workshop associated with the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

This item was informational only.

7. Update on Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Short/Long Range Planning Efforts

Staff highlighted recent activity with the agency's Comprehensive Operational Analysis. LAVTA was on the front page of the Independent newspaper regarding the Operational Study. The Wheels Forward website is now live, and is available directly, or through the Wheels website. Two new committees will begin meeting next month. The Stakeholder Committee, comprised of opinion leaders, business leaders, and others in the community, including school districts. The Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from the local municipalities, the county, County Connection, BART and ACE. .

It was suggested the Livermore Outlet's be added to the Outreach List.

This item was informational only.

8. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items

9. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

Scott Haggerty requested an update on Google potentially utilizing the LAVTA Atlantis facility for parking.

Karla Brown – Ron McNichol, a reporter at the Independent newspaper has re-awakened the idea of a Park 'n Ride with BART and Wheels. The parking lot at the BART station is so full, parking is overflowing into the Stoneridge Shopping Center, at the West Las Positas shopping area. Fewer people are riding BART due to parking issues. Is there a Park 'n Ride that Wheels can pick up and shuttle riders to the BART station?

10. Next Meeting Scheduled for July 27, 2015 - CANCELLED

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 4:50pm.