Projects and Services Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole

Committee Members

Scott Haggerty – Chair    Karla Brown
David Haubert – Vice Chair    Steven Spedowfski

Date: Monday, February 27, 2017

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

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

   Committee Vice Chair David Haubert called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

   Members Present
   David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin
   Steven Spedowfski, Vice Mayor, City of Livermore
   Karla Brown, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton

   Members Absent
   Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County

3. Meeting Open to Public

   Robert S. Allen
   Robert Allen addressed the Projects & Services Committee regarding ABLE commute. Mr. Allen provided the Committee an email and proposed bus route. The BART Board on February 9th deferred enlarging the parking structure in Dublin, due to considering lower cost alternatives. He is urging LAVTA to support ABLE Commute - an express M-F route connecting the LAVTA’s Administration building, Airway Park-and-Ride, and Livermore Airport with every BART train from early AM through the evening commute hour. Mr. Allen sent his request to LAVTA’s Executive Director Michael Tree and Alameda County Transportation Commission.
Vin Pohray
Mr. Pohray addressed the Projects & Services Committee regarding his complaint about service at Pleasanton Middle School (agenda item 7), including the bell timing and the bus schedule. He provided suggestions about how to provide better service to PMS by reducing the wait times.

4. **Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Meeting of the P&S Committee.**

   Approved: Brown/Spedowfski
   Aye: Haubert, Spedowfski, Brown
   No: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Haggerty

5. **FY 2017 2nd Quarter Report – Operations**

   Staff provided information on the 2nd Quarter FY2017 (October – December) Operation statistics. Discussed was the fixed route, paratransit, and operational performance metrics. LAVTA had a 6.6% decrease of ridership in the second quarter. Ridership trends at the individual route level were mixed, but also mostly followed the overall downward trend of the quarter: Post-COA implementation, the main exception was the realigned Route 30/R. On-time performance increased slightly to 80.9%. Paratransit decreased by 5% for passengers and decreased 10% for number of trips, but On-Time Performance increased to 97%. LAVTA’s fixed route contractor recorded six accidents in the 2nd quarter, two were determined preventable, and four deemed non-preventable. No accidents resulted in major damage, six with minor or no damage, and one fixed route accidents resulted in bodily injury. Notably, as of January 28th, fixed route operators had completed 100 days without a preventable accident. In the 2nd quarter there were two paratransit accident/incidents. Complaints were increased in the 2nd quarter and is related to the COA service changes an operational issues. Paratransit valid complaints decreased from this quarter last year.

   This was informational only.

6. **On-Time Performance Update**

   Staff provided an update to the Project and Services Committee on On-Time Performance (OTP). In May 2016 LAVTA’s Short Range Transit Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors. The OTP goal was established at 85% which is a realistic and achievable metric. In August 2016 the System-wide OTP was 79-80%. From September 2016 through January 2017 the majority of routes have seen increases since the Comprehensive Operational Analysis changes were introduced in August. Route 10R had a schedule adjustment in January 2017 and Route 14 will have adjustments implemented in the summer to assist with OTP. LAVTA is also adjusting schedules for BART ridership, due to late BART trains in the afternoons. Analysis conducted by LAVTA staff shows that when Route 10R holds at BART in the afternoon it reduces the route’s OTP by 2-5%, and it can drag
down the system-wide OTP by 1%. LAVTA is looking at a working policy for bus departures ten minutes after the BART train’s scheduled arrival. BART has a scheduled adjustment planned later this year and at that time LAVTA will reassess adjustments to the Wheels bus schedules for proper connectivity.

This was informational only.

7. **Pleasanton Middle School Service**

Staff provided information to the Project and Services on Pleasanton Middle School Service. In November 2016, LAVTA staff received a complaint regarding the timing of Pleasanton Middle School Route 601 with the bell – in particular, the timing on non-recurring early-out days. Staff provided the complaint, LAVTA’s response, and next steps to the Project and Services Committee. LAVTA tries to accommodate non-reoccurring early out days, but cannot guarantee accommodations due to resource constraints. Route 601 and 602 are interlined and any potential change will need to be studied and the public needs to weigh in before changes can be implemented. Staff is considering modifications to route 601 and 602 as a part of the regular fall service change process. Comments will be solicited from student riders during the open comment and public review period in April. The scheduled approval from the Board for fall 2017 route changes would be in May, for implementation in August.

Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski suggested a subscription school tripper routes similar to Danville and San Ramon’s program. LAVTA is unable to do a subscription route, due to Federal school bus regulations. Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski stated that a subscription service could be tried on a Tri-Valley basis or join Danville and San Ramon’s service.

This was informational only.

8. **Management Action Plan**

Executive Director Michael Tree included a Management Action Plan for the Project and Services Committee to review. Staff briefly highlighted the open house for LAVTA’s service changes next Tuesday in Dublin, Christy Wegener rode in an autonomous shuttle, paratransit assessment study was kicked off in January, and fare changes will be brought to the Project and Services Committee next month.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked if LAVTA has ridership utilizing the Go Dublin phone application. Staff said that riders are using the Uber, Lyft, and DeSoto Cab program in Dublin, but LAVTA has not received any invoices. LAVTA is expecting the first invoices to come in early March.

This was informational only.

9. **Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items**

10. **Matters Initiated by Committee Members**
Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski mentioned the BART meeting that delayed the parking structure by three months to study the Toy’s-R-Us and Oracle parking options.

Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski stated that Livermore Council approved a five or ten million dollar tax credit for Gillig. Gillig will be opening either this month or late March.

Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski provided information on the Historic Train Depot and that the City of Livermore approved the move on a vote of 5-0.

11. **Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 27, 2017**

12. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.