

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2017
LAVTA PROJECT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County
Karla Brown, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Steven Spedowski, Vice Mayor, City of Livermore
David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin

3. Meeting Open to Public

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen addressed the Project & Services Committee regarding iiBART (Interim Isabel BART). Mr. Allen has made a perennial plea for an express bus between the Airway Park-n-Ride with a stop at the Livermore Airport and the BART station. Mr. Allen stated that the ride would take about fifteen minutes and the route would require three buses. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) came up with an integrated Park-n-Ride and they proposed increasing the parking lot to hold 500 or 1000 cars. Mr. Allen wants this done now in time to get the buses to Park-n-Ride. Mr. Allen urges this to be done quickly and would like to see BART, ACTC, and LAVTA get together and increase Park-n-Ride's parking lot. Mr. Allen agrees with Supervisor Scott Haggerty that we need a connection between BART and ACE. BART built the Dublin/Pleasanton station in the one place there was a railroad crossing, allowing a good intermodal connection.

4. Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Meeting of the P&S Committee.

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

5. Post-COA Analysis

Staff provided the Post-Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) to the Project and Services Committee. It has been a full 12 months since the COA changes were implemented on August 13, 2016 and staff can now report a summary of the route analysis on strengths and weakness in the redesign. The COA projected to bring 5-10% ridership growth in 12-18 months, as well as an improvement in On-Time Performance (OTP). OTP has improved system-wide by 3-5% from pre-COA levels. Route 30R needs to achieve a 20% farebox recovery ratio (approximately

2,100 trips per weekday) and LAVTA is getting closer each month, but have not met the target yet. LAVTA is almost at 2,000 trips per weekday on 30R and key to this ridership has been the Las Positas College Transit Pass. Overall ridership was close to or above 2015 levels, and exceeded 2016 ridership.

Vice Mayor Steven Spedowfski requested that the chart colors on page 6 be changed, so they are not all blue.

Councilmember Karla Brown expressed she was excited and thankful that LAVTA went through the difficult challenges with the COA and route change with a lot of outreach by Wheels personnel and public meetings since the numbers are starting to reflect themselves.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked if Go Dublin is more successful than LAVTA thought. Staff responded that LAVTA is pleased with Go Dublin and it is carrying more people in Dublin than Route 3 did. Supervisor Scott Haggerty also wanted to know how the finances are for the Go Dublin project. Staff stated that we are on average spending three dollars a person when we were spending 15 dollars on the former fixed route service.

This was informational only.

6. Dublin School Tripper – Follow-up

Staff provided the Dublin School Tripper – Follow-up to the Project and Services Committee. At the October 2, 2017 Board meeting, Mayor Haubert directed staff to return with an analysis of resources required to allow every bus-riding Dublin High School (DHS) student to receive a seat on a bus. For every student to have a seat it would take an additional two vehicles in the morning and five in the afternoon for the DHS routes.

On October 21, 2017 a service change was implemented to pilot early/late bird trips on route 501. LAVTA also modified the trip times for the remaining two trips to allow for longer running time. LAVTA is happy to announce that there were no issues today. In the interest to make sure the service operates as safely as possible LAVTA will reroute 501 routes so that it no longer operates on the freeway during the winter schedule change, or earlier if routing and bus staging issues are resolved with the school district and the City. LAVTA staff is moving forward with a plan to hire a consultant this year to develop a Dublin transit plan for the 2018-19 year (and beyond).

Staff noted that at this point there are no additional resources (articulated buses) available with other agencies. In order to accommodate an articulated bus LAVTA would need to purchase a couple more lifts and provide training.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked if MV has marketed to hire part-time bus drivers. Executive Director Michael Tree knows that MV is talking to anyone interested in driving buses, but is not sure if they have marketed for part-time bus drivers. Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated that he feels that the school tripper routes are for LAVTA to solve and not the city, so if that means acquiring part-time employees

MV should consider that as an option.

Mayor David Haubert requested that tomorrow LAVTA reroute buses off the fixed route service to accommodate the school tripper routes in Dublin. Staff responded that fixed route patrons are sensitive to frequency changes and does not recommend rerouting fixed route service to Dublin for school trippers. Staff asked Mayor David Haubert if the issue is the standing students on the buses. Mayor David Haubert stated that standing students are an issue, since it can become a potential safety problem. If you have one or two students standing it is not a big issue, but when you have 50 students standing a day it is. Staff indicated that typically, you see 40 students seated and 20 students standing on the buses. Mayor Haubert said he was fine with monitoring the situation after the Oct 21st schedule change.

Councilmember Karla Brown stated that everyone was a little surprised by the 40% increase. Councilmember Karla Brown was happy that LAVTA is eliminating school tripper routes on the freeway. Councilmember Karla Brown informed that Pleasanton does not have complaints regarding school trippers standing on bus routes.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty informed the Committee that he is okay with school trippers standing, as long as LAVTA can provide them a ride. Supervisor Scott Haggerty agreed that having students on the freeway is not safe and requested MV to look into hiring part-time drivers for peak hours.

This was informational only.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Executive Director's Report to the project and Services Committee. Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Committee that Safeway will postpone LAVTA's November 4th annual Stuff-A-Bus event, due to charity efforts for the nearby fires. Councilmember Karla Brown asked if LAVTA has considered utilizing Costco for our Stuff-A-Bus event. Supervisor Scott Haggerty requested that staff look into utilizing Lucky Supermarkets for next year's Stuff-A-Bus event and Costco for future events. Staff stated that they will look into this for future events. The Stuff-A-Bus event will not happen prior to Thanksgiving and most likely not before Christmas. Supervisor Scott Haggerty directed staff to look into Cornerstone Fellowship for the Stuff-A-Bus event this year, since we are having difficulties with scheduling the event with Safeway. Staff will pursue something for this year for the event to be conducted on November 18, 2017. Executive Director Michael Tree noted that the Las Positas College ridership is averaging over 600 rides a day. LAVTA will be monitoring the student vote on November 13, 2017 for a student fee to retain the Transit Pass long term. It was also stated that the Student Pass (Measure BB) has over 200 rides a day and that the key is to sustain the ridership increases with marketing.

This was informational only.

8. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items

9. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

None.

10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: November 27, 2017

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.