

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
LAVTA FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Bob Coomber called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Jerry Pentin, Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Don Biddle, Vice Mayor, City of Dublin
Bob Coomber, Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

No Comments.

4. Minutes of the August 22, 2017 Meeting of the F&A Committee

Approved: Biddle/Pentin
Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

5. Treasurer's Report for August 2017

The Finance and Administration Committee recommended submitting the August 2017 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval.

Approved: Pentin/Biddle
Aye: Biddle, Coomber, Pentin
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. SB 1 and State Transit Assistance (STA) Population-Based Funds

Staff provided an update on SB1 and State Transit Assistance (STA) Population Based Funds to the Finance and Administration Committee. Senate Bill (SB) 1 provides funding for public transit, including formula-based and competitive funding. The State Transit Assistance (STA) program will be boosted by approximately \$250 million per year statewide, and will include increases to both population-based and revenue-based STA funding. The augmentation of the revenue based funds will come directly to LAVTA from the state. MTC is now taking the opportunity of this funding augmentation to revisit their standing policy of how they distribute STA population based funds in the region. LAVTA receives three quarters of our total STA funding and that is about 5% of our operating budget in the form of these population based funds. About 25% is coming straight to LAVTA from the revenue based side.

MTC is proposing a new framework that devolves the policy making down to the County level for these funds. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will have a policy discussion in November and LAVTA is working to engage in discussion with MTC and ACTC regarding these options.

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin asked if the situation could arise where LAVTA will actually see less funding. Staff stated that there are many different factors that go into considering what funding increments may come to LAVTA. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin also wanted to know who is breaking up the plan in starting over at MTC. Staff said that it is hard to ascertain the views of other stakeholders involved in and affected by this process.

Vice Mayor Biddle stated that the County approach seems like a good option and that it is important for all the agencies to work together on funding.

Executive Director Michael Tree stated that this funding is worth fighting for and that staff will bring another report to Finance and Administration Committee next month regarding this topic.

LAVTA will meet with MTC staff later this week and discuss the proposal. In October there will be other meetings among stakeholders to discuss the issue.

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin requested that LAVTA provide data on what we expect to receive before the bill and what we expect to receive after the bill. If there are proposals Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin would like to know who is benefiting.

7. MOU with Central Contra Costa Transit Authority

Staff provided an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Central Contra Costa Transit Authority to the Finance and Administration Committee. AB 1444 has been sent to the Governor for signature. LAVTA is working with Bay Area AQMD, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, GoMentum, Stantec, and EasyMile to ensure Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) testing begins in early spring of 2018. Recognizing the limitations with LAVTA's staff management is recommending a partnership with Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) to manage LAVTA's SAV program and CCCTA's envisioned SAV program. CCCTA's Director of Innovation and Shared Mobility, Rashidi Barnes, has the ability to manage both the LAVTA SAV project and an envisioned CCCTA project. Both projects eventually can merge in a joint effort to use SAVs as a first/last mile solution along the I-580/I-680 corridors. The MOU envisions that CCCTA will fund the agency's Director of Innovation and Shared Mobility as a financial contribution to the partnership. LAVTA will provide funding from the Bay Area AQMD and County Connection provides the talent. Working together with CCCTA also strengthens our grant opportunities. Staff is requesting the Finance and Administration Committee to provide comment on the potential partnership.

The Finance and Administration Committee feel it makes sense to work with neighboring counties on projects like the SAV project.

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin asked how expensive Rashidi is on this project. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin stated that LAVTA has \$1 million from Bay Area AQMD and would like to know if that money is to cover the whole program to the year 2020 or are we giving the money to CCCTA and that helps fund Rashidi/staff. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin would like metrics on how LAVTA is funding this project. Executive Director Michael Tree will put the metrics together with specifics and will bring it back to the Finance and Administration Committee. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin stated that the biggest issue with Downtown Pleasanton is people want to park right where they want to go and Pleasanton has an incredible parking lot over at the Firehouse Arts Center that is 2 ½ blocks from downtown and no one parks there. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin believes that when SAVs are in downtown Pleasanton cycling the parking lots that they already have it will be a perfect world. He also looks forward to this program being at Hacienda Business Park, getting to the BART and ACE stations, and maybe school trippers.

8. Update on AB 758 and the Alameda – San Joaquin Regional Rail Working Group

Staff provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 758 and the Alameda – San Joaquin Regional Rail Working Group to the Finance and Administration Committee. AB 758 was recently approved and has been sent to the Governor for signature. On January 1, 2018 the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority will be effective with 15 members. The legislation has bullet points to accomplish in the scope of work in the first 18 months. Currently staff is evaluating how best to manage this project at the staff level. Staff believes that a certain percentage of the Executive Director’s time should be spent on the project and that a potential solution to keeping all the other projects moving would be to promote a director at the agency to Deputy Executive Director to handle more decision making responsibilities.

Vice Mayor Don Biddle stated that the option of bringing someone in at this time for the new Authority does not make sense and to keep the continuity is important, so he believes Executive Director Michael Tree is the best option.

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin asked if the Working Group had discussed options for administration of the new authority. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the Chair, Vice Chair, and one other person have been in initial discussions. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin asked if State funding would pay for the time utilized by Authority Executive Director to run the rail authority. Executive Director Michael Tree explained that State and other funding are being sought for this purpose. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin does not want LAVTA money to pay for a new JPA Executive Director.

Vice Mayor Don Biddle stated that the Alameda County has challenged San Joaquin County to come up with funding for the project.

9. Preview of Upcoming F&A Committee Agenda Items

10. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

None.

11. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: October 24, 2017

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.