

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2018
LAVTA PROJECTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Member Karla Brown 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
Bob Coomber, Councilmember, City of Livermore
David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin

Members Absent

Steven Spedowfski, Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen observed that, as per the minutes from the Projects and Services Committee meeting on February 26, 2018, he had requested a bus pick-up at BART's Dublin-Pleasanton station where all buses had to stop for the crosswalk.

Robert Allen referred then to item 12 of the minutes. Even if all of the south bound buses ran on the current north bound lane, they still would need to stop for the crosswalk. Robert Allen urged LAVTA to open the doors and pick up passengers at the stop sign.

Robert Allen agrees that LAVTA's TIRCP project is important and he supports Supervisor Haggerty. But at 1/10th of the cost of that \$34,000,000 proposal (about \$85,000 per space), \$3,256,000 (\$6,512 per space) would enlarge the Airway Park and Ride to 500 spaces - enough to justify a freeway express bus meeting every daytime weekday train. Both projects are important, he said.

4. Minutes of the February 26, 2018 Meeting of the P&S Committee.

Approved: Brown/Haggerty

Aye: Haubert, Brown, Haggerty, Coomber

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Spedowfski

5. Las Positas College Memorandum of Understanding

The Projects and Services Committee forwarded a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Las Positas College for the Las Positas College Student Mobility Initiative.

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

6. Dublin Student Transit Service Study – Update

Staff provided the Projects and Services Committee an update on the Dublin Student Transit Service Study. Nelson\Nygaard & Associates (consultant) conducted a small-scale LAVTA study to develop a proactive short term plan for the school oriented Dublin routes. Staff requested that the Consultant conduct outreach to gather information from stakeholders, an online survey, and ridership projection data from the school district. Staff provided a summary of the existing service and a preview the conceptual service plan.

Committee Chair David Haubert requested that LAVTA consider having the extra bus start at a different point to finish up the 501 route for the Fall 2018 Conceptual Service Plan. Staff responded that there have been discussions with the Consultant to have a couple of the buses express to the High School, but LAVTA can refine that further and see if we can truncate one or two buses.

Committee Member Scott Haggerty asked how much articulating buses cost and asked if LAVTA could possibly use one to see how they work prior to purchasing one. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that LAVTA has never purchased an articulating bus, but there was a staff report that can be presented when LAVTA used one in 2008. The LAVTA staff report detailed the maintenance and impressions of the bus. Executive Director Michael Tree noted that he will bring the staff report back and place it on the next agenda and in the meantime staff will research this possibility further. Committee Member Karla Brown brought up the concern of tight turns and being able to manipulate a regular size bus in these type of areas safely, especially with young students.

Committee Member Karla Brown asked if there is some way to have a bus leave twenty minutes later, after students are released for the day, to assist students that may be busy at school. LAVTA currently has an early morning and late afternoon bus. LAVTA found that the early morning bus does not have many students, but the late afternoon bus has about twelve students.

Staff suggested that for the Medium-term component LAVTA can provide another column in the table to illustrate the difference in vehicle requirements if we have articulating buses. Committee Member Karla Brown also asked to have the maintenance costs included and what type of bus driver would be needed.

Committee Chair David Haubert acknowledged that LAVTA is doing a great job serving the school population and knows it is appreciated by the students and parents.

This was informational only.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michael Tree provided information on Recruitment of Director of Planning and Operations, FY2019 Budget, Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Project, Paratransit Study, Go Dublin Study, Individualized Marketing Starting in May, Chabot-Las Positas College District Approves Student Fee, and LAVTA Receives \$435,000 Grant to Improve Livermore Transit Center.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that May 4, 2018 is the next deadline for the recruitment of Director of Planning and Operations and he has four very good applications. Executive Director Michael Tree plans on conducting interviews the following week.

Executive Director Michael Tree stated that currently LAVTA is balancing the budget and it has been challenging with the cost increases from the Operations and Maintenance contract and other things. The plan is for the Finance and Administration Committee to preview the budget in May and Board of Director consideration will be in June.

Executive Director Michael Tree announced that the kick-off media event for the SAV project will be June 22, 2018 at 10am.

Executive Director Michael Tree noted that the Paratransit Study is on-going and that the City of Pleasanton is slowly reviewing data and want to create a proposal for recommendations in the Paratransit Study. Staff hope to have the study finished by the end of the fiscal year. Executive Director Michael Tree also explained that the Go Dublin Study is also delayed and that the Projects and Services Committee will preview the results of the study in May and the final work will be presented at the June Board of Directors meeting. There will also be a couple of options brought to the Committee for discussion: pulsing micro transit out of the BART station also a fixed route option. Committee Chair David Haubert notified staff that he did not receive a Go Dublin discount and was charged \$11.00 going from the BART Station to his destination in Dublin.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that LAVTA received an FTA grant for \$435,000 that will allow LAVTA to modernize the Livermore Transit Center.

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: May 28, 2018

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.