

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2018

Recruitment of Director of Planning and Operations

Next deadline for applications is May 4, 2018. Several applications have been received and staff is anticipating interviews in mid-May.

FY2019 Budget

Staff will preview the budget with the Finance & Administrative Committee in May with Board consideration in June. Getting the budget to balance has been a challenge with the new Operations and Maintenance contract and other budget increases.

Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Project

The SAV media kick-off is being scheduled for June of 2018. The SAV deliver has been delayed a few weeks.



Paratransit Study

City of Pleasanton staff is currently analyzing data on paratransit trips/costs. Next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2018. Staff is attempting to finish the study by the end of the fiscal year, but recognizes some of the complex analysis and policy level decisions that will be considered.

Go Dublin Study

The consulting firm of Fehrs & Peers has been working with transportation network companies to obtain additional data for the study. Staff anticipates that the agency will have a preview of the study results in May P&S Committee, with final work being presented in June to the Board.



Individualized Marketing Starting in May

The 2018 SmartTrips Tri-Valley project will begin in May, with the focus being on Dublin Boulevard and the Montage and Sage developments near Las Positas College. The SmartTrips program involves meeting with residents to talk about transportation options, including biking, walking and the Wheels system.

Chabot-Las Positas College District Approves Student Fee

On April 17th the college district approved the student fee for the long term funding of the student transit pass. This vote was taken after the student vote approved the fee in the fall of 2017. Approximately 600 rides are currently provided to students with the promotional transit pass.



LAVTA Receives \$435,000 Grant to Improve Livermore Transit Center

The FTA awarded LAVTA a \$435,000 grant to modernize the Livermore Transit Center. The grant will provide additional enhancements to the 20-year old facility beyond the work

associated with the relocation of the Historic Depot, including upgraded real-time signage, new landscaping, upgraded passenger amenities, and enhanced security and lighting features. LAVTA was just one of three Bay Area transit agencies to be awarded these highly competitive federal funds.

Attachments

1. Management Action Plan w/Updates

FY2018 Goals, Strategies and Projects

Last Updated – January April 19, 2018

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN (MAP)

Goal: Service Development						
Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide routes and services to meet current and future demand for timely/reliable transit service 2. Increase accessibility to community, services, senior centers, medical facilities and jobs 3. Optimize existing routes/services to increase productivity and response to MTC projects and studies 4. Improve connectivity with regional transit systems and participate in BART to Livermore project 5. Explore innovative fare policies and pricing options 6. Provide routes and services to promote mode shift from personal car to public transit 						
Projects	Action Required	Staff	Board Committee	Target Date	Status	Task Done
Long Range Transit Plan (Agency's 30 Year Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive draft Long Range Plan from Nelson/Nygaard • Present final draft to Board • Approval 	DP	Projects/ Services	Apr 2018 May 2018 Jun 2018	→ Staff studying park and ride report, shared mobility and shared autonomous vehicle strategy. Strategic Planning Workshop for Board being planned for later 2018 after new Director of Planning is hired.	
Comprehensive Paratransit Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of Contract • Public Outreach • Approval of Recommendations 	DP	Projects/ Services	Nov 2016 Jun 2017 Jun 2018	→ Nelson/Nygaard awarded contract. Public meetings held in June. LAVTA Board presentation made in September. Currently developing alternatives. Second round of workshops completed in November. <u>City of Pleasanton analyzing data with near future meeting set in May.</u>	X X
Fare Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Fare Study • Public Hearing (proposed changes on fixed route) 	DP	Projects/ Services	May 2017 Jun 2018	→ Draft Fare Study for fixed route complete. F&A reviewed in May. Decision made to hold study results to see ridership trends on fixed route and paratransit study fare recommendations. <u>Nelson/Nygaard updating Fare Study w/more conservative</u>	X

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Approval 			Jul 2018	<u>model and awaiting meetings with Pleasanton.</u>	
Three Queue Jumps On Dublin Blvd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award contract for queue jump • Finish project 	DP	Projects/ Services	Jul 2016 Oct 2017	→ Board awarded contract queue jump project in March. Some delays in project. Currently 75% completed. Queue jumps are operational.	X X
Transit Signal Priority Project in Rapid 10R Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Work • Finish Project 	DP	Projects/ Services	Oct 2017 Dec 2018	→ Grant by TVTAC approved. Board approved MOU with Pleasanton. Board approved engineering contract with Kimley Horn. <u>Project currently in design phase. Equipment to be ordered in summer for fall/winter install.</u>	
Go Dublin Discount Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get clearance from FTA • Implement • Results of Program 	DP	Projects/ Services	Nov 2016 Dec 2016 May 2018	→ Program providing approximately 1,000 rides/month. Two mailings to residents accomplished. Study of program behind schedule due to data sharing delays. Fehr & Peers to present final findings in June.	X X

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O&M Contract Request for Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop RFP • Award Contract 	DP	Project/ Services	Oct 2017	→ Three proposals received. Interviews conducted on 25 th . Best and final proposals submitted. <u>Board awarded in March. Legal reviewing contract.</u>	X
				Mar 2018		X
Dublin Service Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP advertised • Contractor Award • Recommendations 	DP	Projects/ Services	Nov 2017	→ Several proposals received. Nelson/Nygaard awarded contract. Data collection being performed. <u>Project workshop held in March. Over 600 surveys completed. Initial findings for P&S Committee in May and final findings in June.</u>	X
				Jan 2018		X
				June 2018		
<p><i>Goal:</i> Marketing and Public Awareness</p> <p><i>Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to build the Wheels brand image, identity and value for customers 2. Improve the public image and awareness of Wheels 3. Increase two-way communication between Wheels and its customers 4. Increase ridership, particularly on the Rapid, to fully attain benefits achieved through optimum utilization of our transit system 5. Promote Wheels to New Businesses and residents 						
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Website Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place easy to access Commuter Info on homepage 	MKT MGR	Projects/ Services	Nov 2017	→ Better way to BART info landing page and button to be installed on website in November. Working on informative maps and info for this section.	X
				Jun 2016		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection by LAVTA Board 	MKT MGR		Jun 2016		

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LAVTA Rebranding Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of name/rebranding Event to unveil rebranding. 		Projects/ Services	Feb 2018	→ New design for buses approved. New logo approved. Buses being wrapped and logos applied. Several stories from media printed.	X X
Individualized Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award Contract Review of results 	MKT MGR	Projects/ Services	Mar 2018 Jun 2018	→ SDG awarded contract. Collateral developed and distributed. Program completed. Post program surveys completed. Project report to LAVTA Board made in December. SmartTrips In Dublin and parts of Livermore approved by Board in March. <u>Project to begin in May.</u>	X X
N Canyons Parkway Rapid Bus Stop Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering work Improvements to site Relocation of shelters 	DP	Projects/ Services	May 2017 Aug 2017 Jun 2018	→ FTA grant to upgrade stops in this corridor to Rapid style. Engineering work done. Bids came in high. Board rejected all bids. Bid re-advertised. Board awarded project in November. <u>Waiting on permits from City.</u>	X
Pleasanton SmartTrips Corridor Rapid Bus Stop Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering work Award of construction contract Finish project 	DP	Projects/ Services	Nov 2017 Apr 2018 Jun 2018	→ ACTC grant received to upgrade stops in this corridor to Rapid style. Board awarded engineering to Kimley Horn in November. Bus shelter type is next step. Project award in April. <u>Bus stops currently in design. City reviewing Rapid bus shelters.</u>	
Dublin School Tripper Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify new locations for shelters Install new shelters 	ED	Projects/	Sept 2016 Dec	→ Five locations with high ridership identified. Kimley Horn performing engineering. First shelter installed in December. Other four shelters will require	X

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Shelter Project			Services	2017	significant site work. Budgeting for next FY.	
Replace Shelters Past Useful Life That Are On Livermore Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify shelters Install 	ED	Projects/ Services	Nov 2016 Apr 2018	→ Shelters identified. 10 shelters delivered. No bids for install received. <u>Rebid. Board approved contract with Hammercraft Construction in March. Final contract under legal review.</u>	X

Goal: Community and Economic Development

Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)

- Integrate transit into local economic development plans
- Advocate for increased TOD from member agencies and MTC
- Partner with employers in the use of transit to meet TDM goals & requirements**

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ACTC: Measure BB Transit Student Pass Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist ACTC in promoting the student passes Monitor effectiveness of the program and capacity issues 	DP	Projects/ Services	Ongoing Ongoing	→ Four schools in Livermore to have free pass via Clipper for Wheels access. Planning/Marketing Departments working with ACTC and school district to market Clipper Cards/bus system. <u>Approximately 200 trips per day. ACTC allocated STA for the project, which will impact funding for Route 14.</u>	X
Las Positas College Student, Faculty, Staff Pass Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing campaign on campus Student Vote to retain Transit Pass on campus 	MKT MGR	Projects/ Services	Ongoing Nov 2017	→ Transit pass/marketing efforts ongoing. Students have voted. 90% "yes". <u>Board of Trustees approved student fee.</u>	X X

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Historic Train Depot Relocation at Livermore Transit Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Award of Project • Demo of TC Customers Service Buildings • Finish Relocation/Renovation 	DP	Projects/ Services	Jan 2017 Jul 2017 <u>Jun 2018</u>	→ FTA clearance given to demo current building. City Council awarded contract. Temporary facility installed. Demo of LAVTA buildings done. Depot moved onto cement foundation. Project extend into April 2018. <u>Board received update in February. Project likely to be completed in June.</u>	X X
Rehab of Shade Structure and Replacement of Furniture at Livermore Transit Center. Rehab of Custom Shelter adjacent to Livermore TC next to Parking Garage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Project • Project Completion 	DP	Projects/ Services	Nov 2017 Jun 2018	→Bid spec being developed for painting and purchase of furniture. Exterior furniture on order. <u>Current plan is to install furniture for Historic Depot ribbon cutting and paint during transit center remodel with FTA funds.</u>	
<p><i>Goal: Regional Leadership</i></p> <p><i>Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for local, regional, state, and federal policies that support mission of Wheels 2. Support staff involvement in leadership roles representing regional, state, and federal forums 3. Promote transit priority initiatives with member agencies 4. Support regional initiatives that support mobility convenience 						
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Alameda – San Joaquin Regional Rail Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 758 	ED	Projects/ Services	Oct 2017	→ Approved. Legislation became effective January 2018.	X
2018 Legislative Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of 2018 Legislative Plan and review/approval by the Board and provide support for key legislation. 	ED	Finance/ Admin	Feb 2018	→ F&A committee looked at draft legislative plan in January 2018. Board approved 2018 Legislative Plan in February.	X
State Legislation to Approve SAV Project in Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce SAV legislation 	ED	Finance/ Admin	Feb 2017	→ Approved. Legislation became effective January 2018.	X
<p>Goal: Organizational Effectiveness</p> <p><i>Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote system wide continuous quality improvement initiatives Continue to expand the partnership with contract staff to strengthen teamwork and morale and enhance the quality of service Establish performance based metrics with action plans for improvement; monitor, improve, and report on-time performance and productivity HR development with focus on employee quality of life and strengthening of technical resources Enhance and improve organizational structures, processes and procedures to increase system effectiveness Develop policies that hold Board and staff accountable, providing clear direction through sound policy making decisions 						
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Performance Metrics Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff setting up aggressive monitoring of key performance metrics: on-time performance, accidents and customer service. 	DP	Projects/ Services	Ongoing	→ Daily and weekly meeting to discuss key metrics at staff level. Presentation on performance of routes provided to the P&S Committee in October.	X

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Goal: Financial Management

Strategies (those highlighted in bold indicate highest Board priority)

- 1. Develop budget in accordance with strategic Plan, integrating fiscal review processes into all decisions**
2. Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities
3. Maintain fiscally responsible long range capital and operating plans

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FY17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete financial audit and all required reporting to Board, local, regional and state agencies. 	DF	Finance/ Admin	Nov 2017	→ Audit ongoing in September. Review of audit at F&A in October. Presentation to LAVTA Board in November. No findings.	X

Other:

Transit Center Bus Driving Isle Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform demo of asphalt and construction new base and asphalt in driving isle. 	PD	Projects/ Services	Jun 2018	→ Utilizing City pavement contract. Asphalt to be removed and construction completed after the Transit Center cement work is completed. This project to tie in closely with Historic Depot Relocation project. Project will be final phase of Depot project in June.	
SAV Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire funding to begin project Approve legislation to test SAVs. Enter into MOUs for testing. 	ED	Projects/ Services	Oct 2016 Dec 2017 Feb 2018	→ AQMD awarded LAVTA approx. \$1 million over 3 years in funding in exchange for advertising. LAVTA Board received a presentation on this project and next steps at Feb meeting. AB 1444 approved and effective January 2018. MOU with County Connection approved in November. MOU with GoMentum approved by Board in February. Site preparation in process. Kick-off w/media being scheduled for June.	X X X

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Triennial Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for audit • Audit and report to board 	DF	Finance/ Adm	Ongoing Jul 2018	→Comprehensive audit on LAVTA from FTA to be conducted in July 2018.	