

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100
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WHEELS Accessible Advisory Committee

DATE: Wednesday, November 7 2018

PLACE: **Robert Livermore Community Center, Larkspur South Room**
4444 East Avenue, Livermore 94550

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The WAAC Chair Herb Hastings called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members Present:

Judith LaMarre	City of Livermore
Bob Chulata	City of Livermore – Alternate
Connie Mack	City of Dublin
Helen Buckholz	City of Dublin - Alternate
Herb Hastings	County of Alameda
David Weir	County of Alameda – Alternate
Amy Mauldin	Social Services Member
Esther Waltz	PAPCO

Staff Present:

Jonathan Steketee	LAVTA
Kadri Kulm	LAVTA
Lindsay Bookhammer	MTM
Christian Pereira	MV Transit

Guests:

Robert Allen	Wheels rider
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- 2. Citizens' Forum: An opportunity for members of the audience to comment on a subject not listed on the agenda (under state law, no action may be taken at this meeting)**
None
- 3. Minutes of the September 5, 2018 meetings of the Committee**
Approved.
Mack/Waltz
Buckholz abstains
- 4. California Transit Association's Transit Agency of the Year Award**
LAVTA was chosen as the Transit Agency of the Year of 2018 by the California Transit Association (CTA). The award was presented at the Small Operators Awards Ceremony as part of the CTA's Annual Fall Conference. There was also an appreciation luncheon for all the LAVTA, MV and MTM employees celebrating this recognition.
- 5. Fare Change Update**
Staff summarized the fare policy changes, including TAAC's recommendations, which the LAVTA Board of Directors approved at their October, 2018 meeting. The following are the changes that will go into effect on January 1, 2019:
 - Eliminate transfers and replace with Day Pass
 - Eliminate 10-ride tickets and replace with a Youth Clipper Card fare at the same rate
 - Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass increase from \$18 to \$22 in January 2019 and then increase from \$22 to \$ 25 in January 2021 with no additional increase beyond this point
 - Dial-A-Ride increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75 in January 2019 and delay the proposed increase to \$4.00 until January 2021
- 6. Dial-A-Ride Passenger Survey of Fall, 2018**
Staff informed the committee that this current fiscal year two surveys will be conducted instead of one. The first survey is currently being conducted and the second one will be in six months. The survey includes both online and phone survey.
- 7. Autonomous Vehicles Update**
Staff updated the committee on LAVTA's Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) pilot project. The goal of the pilot is to test and deploy an SAV in a real world application and the area around the Dublin BART station was identified as an appropriate testing ground. The SAV project has been a challenge for LAVTA

and its partners, but the staff is having weekly calls and regular meetings with the key partners to ensure that the pilot moves forward as expeditiously as possible.

8. PAPCO Report

Esther Walts gave an overview of the last PAPCO meeting that took place in September.

9. Dial-A-Ride Concerns and Updates

Herb Hastings reported that his automated trip reminder call went to his house number and not to his cell.

Bob Chulata gave positive remarks for the drivers and dispatchers.

Judy LaMarre suggested that the pick-up times be based on appointment times.

10. Fixed Route Issues – Suggestions for Changes

Audience member Bob Allen said that he would like a bus stop in front of the fare gates at the BART station.

Esther Waltz mentioned that there was a survey being conducted onboard a bus. Staff responded that this was MTC's annual survey and the rider alert about the survey is on LAVTA's website.

Helen Buckholz said that the residents in West Dublin don't have buses and seniors don't get discounts on GoDublin as they would on regular buses. Herb Hastings said that there should be at least one more bus line since Route 3 was taken away. The committee members requested this item to be brought back to the committee as an agenda item.

Judy LaMarre said that Route 14 is hard to use because it doesn't connect well with other routes. Helen Buckholz added that the Route 14 is a long route, but the drivers are great.

Herb Hastings said that the sidewalk by the outlet mall is not wheelchair accessible. Staff replied that the city of Livermore is working on this issue.

David Weir requested ridership numbers by route. Staff is going to provide the committee the fixed route operations report.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm