

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2018 LAVTA BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Karla Brown at 4:02pm

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin
Kathy Narum – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Bob Coomber – Councilmember, City of Livermore
Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda

Members Absent

Jerry Pentin – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Steven Spedowfski – Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen observed that the LAVTA 2018 TIRCP proposal is \$34,000,000 for a 398-space parking structure at the BART station, about \$85,000 per space. DKS (engineering consultant to Alameda County Transportation Commission) in ACTC's "Tri-Valley Integrated Transit and Park and Ride Study" estimated the cost to expand the Airway Park and Ride from 143 spaces to 500 spaces at \$3,256,000 - about \$6,512 per space. Robert Allen is asking BART or ACTC to underwrite that cost and urges LAVTA to run a weekday all-day freeway express bus between the enlarged Airway Park and Ride to the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station connecting with every train.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty commented that the \$34,000,000 cost will change, because this cost includes retail on the bottom floor. That retail on the bottom floor will no longer take place, so the cost will be reduce. Supervisor Scott Haggerty also noted that BART parking garages are being designed with flat floors that can be converted to commercial uses later or housing at a later time. Parking garages being built with flat floors means it is more expensive to build. This garage is located directly at the BART station, so people will not park at the Park and Ride and then take a bus to get on BART. Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated that Mr. Allen's depiction is not accurate. Supervisor Scott Haggerty noted that this is part of the \$20,000,000 that Assemblywoman Baker received and that this project is very important. Supervisor Scott Haggerty also informed that Alameda County is giving up land for this project.

4. March Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes Report

Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee (WAAC) Chair Herb Hastings briefed the Board on the WAAC Committee meeting on March 7, 2018. Herb Hastings informed that various discussion took place at the March meeting. The FY18/19 WAAC recruitment applications for 2-year terms starting on July 2018 are due on April 20, 2018. Herb Hastings also noted that staff presented the draft Annual Program submittal for ACTC Measure B and BB funding. Herb Hastings also stated that the WAAC Committee received an update on the Dial-A-Ride

Passenger Satisfaction Survey results, which was conducted in December 2017 and January 2018. Staff also informed the WAAC Committee on the 2nd Quarter Operations Report. Herb Hastings invited the Board of Directors to the May 2, 2018 WAAC Committee meeting at the Dublin Library.

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. **Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.**

Councilmember Karla Brown informed the Board of Directors that Robert Allen requested that the minutes be amended. He would like to eliminate the last eight words in the fifth sentence and claims he did not state it. Councilmember Karla Brown also noted that the minutes refer to Jerry Pentin as the Vice Mayor and he is no longer the Vice Mayor, so she would like this amended.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked if we have verified the minutes are correct by comparing it to the recording. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the recording has not been compared to the minutes. Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated that LAVTA should listen to the tapes and hold the minutes for the next meeting. Councilmember Karla Brown requested that the minutes are listened to by recording. Councilmember Karla Brown removed the March 5, 2018 minutes from the consent calendar and requested that the minutes come back to the next Board of Directors meeting on May 7, 2018.

B. **Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2018**

The Board of Directors approved the February 2018 Treasurer's Report.

C. **Resolution Authorizing Investment of Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Monies in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)**

Councilmember Karla Brown asked for public comment on this agenda item.

Herb Hasting stated that forty years ago BART promised Livermore a station/extension. Herb Hastings noted that the BART project has never gone anywhere. Herb Hastings family own the Firestone Store at First Street and L Street. During the 45 years of ownership his family had to write checks for the 1% sales tax to the County and Federal Government. Herb Hastings feels that BART should build to Livermore and spend the money that Livermore has been and is being taxed for. Herb Hastings stated that Livermore deserves the service and that BART should complete the extension to Livermore.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty informed Herb Hastings to speak to BART and that BART will make a decision in July regarding the Livermore extension. Supervisor Scott Haggerty also informed that if BART decides to not build to Livermore then Assembly Bill 758 will take over.

Herb Hastings informed that he knows what eBART looks like and if the Rail Authority took the project over to build a rail version he recommended that the platforms be side by

side. Herb Hastings stated that the platform should not be like eBART, since it is too far for someone with a disability to walk from one platform to the next.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 11-2018 reauthorizing investment of LAVTA monies in LAIF.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty moved consent without the minutes, Agenda Item 5 A.

Approved: Haggerty/Narum

Aye: Haubert, Narum, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty

No: None

Absent: Pentin, Spedowfski

6. Management Action Plan

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors the Management Action Plan. Executive Director Michael Tree updated the Board of Directors on LAVTA Projects. The Mobility Forward Paratransit Study is looking at Paratransit service throughout the service area and is spending time focusing on the City of Pleasanton where there is opportunity to improve Paratransit and to better coordinate. The Mobility Forward Paratransit Study was going to be brought to the Board in the month of May for a June decision on recommendations, but this is about a month behind and will be brought to the Board in the summer. The Dublin Transit Study is looking at the school service in the City of Dublin. There was a workshop at the high school in March and a survey that the school assisted LAVTA with promoting. LAVTA received 600 surveys completed. LAVTA expects to have the Dublin Transit Study to the Board in May. The Fare Study has been substantially completed and is going through final recommendations and analysis and will be brought to the Board of Directors in May. There is also a study being conducted for the Go Dublin Program (Uber/Lyft Discount). LAVTA is also looking at flex service and how that would perform in Dublin as well as the traditional fixed route option. The Go Dublin Study is running behind and will be brought to the Board of Directors in June or July, but the date is still being determined.

Executive Director Michael Tree also noted that staff will bring the Board of Directors good recommendations for next year's Fiscal Budget for approval in June. The Fiscal Budget will probably go to Committee in May. Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Board of Directors that one key weakness at the staff level is contract oversight with MV Transportation, MTM, and LAVTA's Paratransit program. LAVTA is trying to find a way in the budgeting process to afford a contract or quality assurance specialist that can check in with our contractors and verify they are performing per the expectation of our agency.

Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the SmartTrips Individualized Marketing in Dublin and part of Livermore will be implemented in May. This project worked well in Pleasanton last year and LAVTA hopes to have success along Dublin Boulevard and near the Montage development and Sage homes area.

Executive Director Michael Tree noted three capital projects: North Canyons Parkway Rapid Bus Stop Project, Santa Rita Corridor Project, and the project to replace shelters past the useful life that are on Livermore Routes.

Executive Director Michael Tree explained that LAVTA is looking for a kick-off event date for

the City of Dublin Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Project. LAVTA has been looking at May 4, 2018 for the event, but the details are still being worked on. Program Manager Rashidi Barnes accepted a job in Southern California and will be leaving the SAV project in April.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked how LAVTA is doing on the Director of Planning and Operations recruitment. Executive Director Michael Tree responded that the recruitment has been a nationwide search and posted for ten weeks. Executive Director Michael Tree said the recruitment has been slow and he thought the salary was competitive. There have been six applications received and out of those two may be a potential candidate for an interview. In the next couple of weeks Executive Director Michael Tree will get a panel together and interview the two applicants. Executive Director Michael Tree requested Kathleen Kelly's assistance at LAVTA until we find a Director of Planning and Operations, but she was unavailable at this time.

Executive Director Michael Tree explained that LAVTA has a huge Triennial Audit that is coming up in July and staff is and will spend time to get ready for it.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that the best news is our fixed route ridership is up 7.4% year to date and that the numbers are going in the right direction.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked how MTM's driver shortage is and her understanding is they are catching up. Executive Director Michael Tree responded that MTM is fully staffed and at the 90-95% performance range.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked if LAVTA sent a picture of the bus that is wrapped with Spare the Air to BAAQMD. Staff stated that we did send a picture.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked when Las Positas College Board will vote on the Wheels student pass. Staff responded that they will vote on May 15, 2018.

Councilmember Kathy Narum asked if the SAV project will be impacted by the accident in Arizona and the incident with the Tesla car. Executive Director Michael Tree thinks this will impact the SAV industry, because of how aggressive the approach was. Executive Director Michael Tree also stated that with GoMentum and our SAV project we are not taking an aggressive approach. The vehicles drive a maximum of 12 mph and the streets will initially be blocked off during autonomous testing. After a series of tests they will then open them up to mixed traffic. LAVTA's approach with our partners is cautious and incremental. Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked LAVTA needs to apply for a permit with the State. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that LAVTA does need to apply and that we should have everything by April/May time period.

7. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

Councilmember Karla Brown asked LAVTA to consider splitting the Director of Planning and Operations into two positions, so that it may be easier to find two qualified candidates versus one.

8. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: May 7, 2018

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm