

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2018 LAVTA BOARD MEETING

### **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Haggerty at 4:03pm

### **2. Roll Call of Members**

#### **Members Present**

David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin

Janine Thalblum – Councilmember, City of Dublin

Jerry Pentin – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton

Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton

Steven Spedowfski – Councilmember, City of Livermore

Bob Coomber – Councilmember, City of Livermore

Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda

### **3. Meeting Open to Public**

David Haubert, Mayor from City of Dublin, arrived during Meeting Open to Public

Herb Hastings

Herb Hastings proposed involving a member of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee to help establish the set-up for the new Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority train system and that would include the station and train to be properly designed for accessibility. Board Chair Scott Haggerty stated that the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority was set-up by state legislation and in no way excludes Mr. Hastings from being involved by going to the meetings.

After the Meeting Open to Public, Agenda Item 10 and 5 was moved up on the agenda for the convenience of the group in managing the balance of the meeting.

### **10. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors**

Board Chair Scott Haggerty informed that LAVTA Board of Directors honored Diane Farner at the September 10, 2018 Board meeting where Resolution 26-2018 was passed, but Ms. Farner was unable to attend. Board Chair Scott Haggerty did a special recognition today of Diane Farner for her Wheels bus operator service from 1987 to 2018.

### **5. Consent Agenda**

**Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:**

**A. Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.**

**B. Preliminary Treasurer’s Report for August 2018**

The Board of Directors approved the August 2018 (preliminary) Treasurer’s Report.

Approved: Pentin/Coomber

Aye: Pentin, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowski, Thalblum, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **4. September Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes Report**

Herb Hastings, Chair of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the September 5, 2018 TAAC meeting. Discussed at the TAAC meeting included the change of the committee name with a recommendation and fixed route and Dial-A-Ride issues/suggestions for changes. The most important item discussed was the fare policy proposed changes. The TAAC drafted a letter and then Herb Hastings worked with Jonathan Stekete to draft the letter that was included in the October Board packet recommending a revision to the original proposed fare policy. The TAAC requested the Senior Monthly Pass/Disabled Monthly Pass fares to increase to \$22 in January 2019 and in 2021 to increase this fare to \$25. The DAR proposal is to increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75 in January 2019 and then wait until 2021 for another \$.25 increase to \$4.00. This is how the TAAC recommends the Board consider the fare proposal. Amy Mauldin, Vice Chair of the TAAC added that they thought the price increase was too much for seniors and disabled who are generally low income. After working with Jonathan Stekete they realized the monthly bus pass would have increased 66%. The TAAC also felt having increases each year over three years would be too confusing. It was also requested that after the monthly passes increase to \$25 that there would be no additional increases beyond this point.

#### **6. Final Staff Proposed Fare Policy Changes**

Staff informed that after Board approval in June, LAVTA initiated public outreach and the public input process for the proposed fare policy changes. Staff received 11 public comments including a letter from the TAAC and those were included in the packet for review. Staff is recommending for the following final fare policy changes:

- 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

LAVTA's financial impact of the Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass fare change by capping it at \$25 versus \$30 would be zero impact in 2019, but by the time the pass would have gotten to \$30 versus \$25 the impact is \$8,000 a year.

LAVTA's financial impact of the Dial-A-Ride fare change by stretching that out to 2021 instead of 2020 is a onetime annual impact of \$13,550.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

The Board of Directors approved these proposed changes with an implementation date of January 1, 2019. Resolution 28-2018.

Approved: Haubert/Spedowfski

Aye: Pentin, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Thalblum, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **7. BART Early-Morning Service Plan and Bus Bridge**

Staff informed the Board of Directors that the BART District is planning to begin their train service an hour later than currently on weekday mornings, so they can perform critical repairs to aging infrastructure in the system. BART staff is proposing an early morning bus bridge network and requested LAVTA's assistance between East Dublin/Pleasanton and Bay Fair. Staff expected two daily roundtrips to Bay Fair during the 4am hour after which the buses could be positioned to operate our local routes. BART would be expected to compensate LAVTA for the full cost of operating the service and there will likely be an agreement that is renewable for one year at a time until early morning service can be resumed. Staff received direction from the Projects and Services Committee, so this agenda item is more of an informational item.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

The Board of Directors approved in concept the request by the BART District for LAVTA to operate an early-morning bus bridge route on weekdays between the East Dublin / Pleasanton and Bay Fair stations, and direct staff to negotiate a draft agreement with BART District that fully compensates LAVTA for the additional services rendered. It is anticipated that the draft agreement would be considered by the LAVTA Board at a future meeting.

Approved: Pentin/Brown

Aye: Pentin, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Thalblum, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **8. 2018 FTA Triennial Review**

Staff informed that every three years LAVTA and every other transit agency that is the recipient of FTA funding must have a triennial review. FTA Triennial Review is essentially an audit, but not just a financial audit. The Triennial Review covers everything: procurement, contract oversight, maintenance records, etc. Staff informed that out of 20 areas reviewed by the FTA LAVTA had one deficiency in Satisfactory Continuing Control in regard to the agencies spare ratio.

The FTA accepted LAVTA's corrective action plan to fix the deficiency.

The Board of Directors reviewed the 2018 FTA Triennial report.

Approved: Brown/Spedowfski

Aye: Pentin, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski, Thalblum, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **9. Management Action Plan**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors the Management Action Plan for review. Executive Director Michael Tree announced some important events coming up:

- LAVTA is being named the Transit Agency of the Year for the California Transit Association (CTA). The award will be presented at the CTA Conference in Long Beach on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 8:45am and Board Members are invited.
- The Historic Train Depot ribbon cutting ceremony is on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10am.
- The Dublin Parking Garage groundbreaking in on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 3pm.

Executive Director Michael Tree noted that for the first time since 2011 the average ridership during the weekday was over 7,000 in the month of September 2018, but the fare changes today will temper this ridership. It was also noted that LAVTA was approached to add cell towers on our property and we have been in negotiations for this project. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that there will be an agenda item soon one in regards to the SAV Project.

## **11. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: November 5, 2018**

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.