

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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WHEELS Accessible Advisory Committee

DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

PLACE: **Robert Livermore Community Center, Palo Verde 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:

Russ Riley	City of Livermore
Judith LaMarre	City of Livermore
Bob Chulata	City of Livermore – Alternate
Connie Mack	City of Dublin
Shawn Costello	City of Dublin
Sue Tuite	City of Pleasanton
Herb Hastings	County of Alameda
David Weir	County of Alameda – Alternate
Julie Parkinson	Social Services Member
Amy Mauldin	Social Services Member
Esther Waltz	PAPCO

Staff Present:

Jonathan Steketee	LAVTA
Kadri Kulm	LAVTA
Lindsay Bookhammer	MTM
Cheryl Wells	MTM
Scott Transue	MTM
Christian Pereira	MV Transit

Guests:

Jeff Jacobsen

Dial-A-Ride rider

- 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 July, 2018 meetings of the Committee**

Approved.

Waltz/Costello

- 4. Chair Report**

The Chair Herb Hastings informed the committee of his meeting with LAVTA staff about the Fare Change Proposal where an idea of WAAC submitting a letter to the board regarding their recommendations on the fare changes was discussed. He urged members to give their opinion about the fare change. Mr. Hastings also proposed to the staff that a fare box demonstration be an agenda item at the September meeting.

- 5. Fare Change Proposal**

Staff gave an overview of what was proposed and said that the last fare change LAVTA had was nine years ago. The members gave their feedback WAAC's recommendation is to keep the Fare Change Proposal as proposed with the following modifications

- Dial-A-Ride fare increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75 in January 2019, and to \$4.00 in January 2021, which leaves two years between the fare increases instead of one year that was proposed.

Approved.

Waltz/Mack

- Senior and Disabled Monthly Pass increase from \$18 to \$22 in January, 2019, and increase from \$22 to \$25 in January, 2021

Approved.

Waltz/Mack

Mack abstains

- 8. Pleasanton Alternate Membership Application**

The committee recommends that LAVTA board appoint Jeff Jacobsen to the City of Pleasanton Alternate member position

Approved.

Costello/Waltz

9. PAPCO Report

PAPCO did not meet in July or August.

10. Dial-A-Ride Issues – Suggestions for Changes

Shawn Costello said he had a meeting with MTM's scheduling and dispatching staff to give his point of view as a user and he thanked them for the opportunity.

Jeff Jacobsen asked if drivers are allowed to text at a stop light. Cheryl Wells informed him that they are not allowed to do so and she will follow up with the driver.

Sue Tuite asked about the driver badges and Cheryl Wells replied that drivers will be having them soon.

Bob Chulata inquired if Dial-A-Ride passes could be used as fare media. Herb Hastings said that they cannot here.

11. Fixed Route Issues – Suggestions for Changes

Amy Mauldin asked that the post Comprehensive Operations Analysis implementation report be brought to the committee. Staff said that the analysis for this report is still being conducted.

Esther Waltz said she appreciates the drivers, but some drivers don't come close to the curb and two had given her attitude.

Judy LaMarre said that many Route 14 stops do not have benches (Pacific Avenue, Pacific and Dolores). Esther Waltz suggested that if a two-person bench does not fit into a specific stop then a one-person seat could be an option.

Shawn Costello said he is running for the office and at council meetings they talk about traffic. The Dublin High parents are unhappy about the congestions and are proposing an idea for a free student bus pass.

Staff provided the committee with the on time performance statistics for the last three months for both fixed route and paratransit. The OTP has increased.

Bob Chulata said that the drivers have been great.

Herb Hastings said that the Route 8 bus stop was perfect at the Alameda County Fare.

12. Alameda County Fair

Staff gave an overview of the ridership to the fair. Wheels carried approximately 3,100 passenger trips to the Fair.

13. Fare Box Demonstration Video

Staff showed a video tutorial on how to use the fare box on Wheels buses.

14. Adjournment

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