



LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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# **LAVTA Named Top California Transit Agency**

**LIVERMORE, CA, October 25, 2018** –The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) was recognized this morning as the California Transit Agency of the Year for 2018. The award was presented at the Small Operators Awards Ceremony held as part of the California Transit Association’s Annual Fall Conference.

The annual award is given to a California transit agency that has demonstrated improvement in the performance of its system including ridership, customer service, service expansion and financial management. Alameda County Supervisor and LAVTA Board Chair Scott Haggerty remarked, “It’s an honor that the hard work and collaborative efforts of the LAVTA Board and staff have been recognized with this statewide award. This award would also not have been possible without the support of our member jurisdictions and our funding partners.”

Among the accomplishments which led to LAVTA receiving the award:

- A major service restructuring that refocused resources on more productive services with improved access to BART, ACE and Las Positas College
- A ridership increase of 7.2% in FY2018 compared to the prior year
- The successful passage of a Student Mobility Initiative at Las Positas College (LPC) to fund unlimited access transit passes for all LPC students
- Launching a Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) project in proximity to the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to help provide first and last mile connections with BART
- Serving as executive and administrative support for the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link), which held its first Board meeting in January 2018

- Partnering with the city of Livermore to relocate and rehabilitate the Southern Pacific Railroad's historic train depot for use as LAVTA's Livermore Transit Center sales and operations building
- Refreshing the Wheels brand with a new vehicle design and logo which is complementary to the agency's Rapid buses
- Initiating Go Dublin, an on-demand real-time mobility alternative for Dublin residents utilizing a unique partnership with Uber and Lyft

Dublin Mayor and LAVTA Vice Chair David Haubert said "It's amazing that so much was accomplished with such a lean, well-run organization, comprised of a 14-person staff and a seven member Board of Directors. We have much to be proud of."

### **About the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority**

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) was created in 1985 by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and Alameda County to serve area transit needs. LAVTA serves nearly 2 million passengers a year on our Wheels bus and paratransit services.

LAVTA supports environmental sustainability by reducing vehicle trips and traffic congestion on local streets and improving air quality in the Tri-Valley region. In addition to passenger fares, the agency is supported financially by federal, state and local agencies, including the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Measure B and BB.

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