

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Route 503 Proposed Service Adjustment

FROM: Tony McCaulay, Director of Planning and Marketing

DATE: September 23, 2019

Action Requested

To consider the public input received regarding a proposed adjustment to the Route 503 to serve Dublin's Schaefer Ranch, Dublin High School and Wells Middle School, and forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Background

This summer, staff received a number of requests from residents of Schaefer Ranch in west Dublin for service to Dublin High School (DHS) and Wells Middle School. The City of Dublin has a policy that requires public input prior to the implementation of new LAVTA bus service to any area of the city and requires city council approval of new bus stop locations.

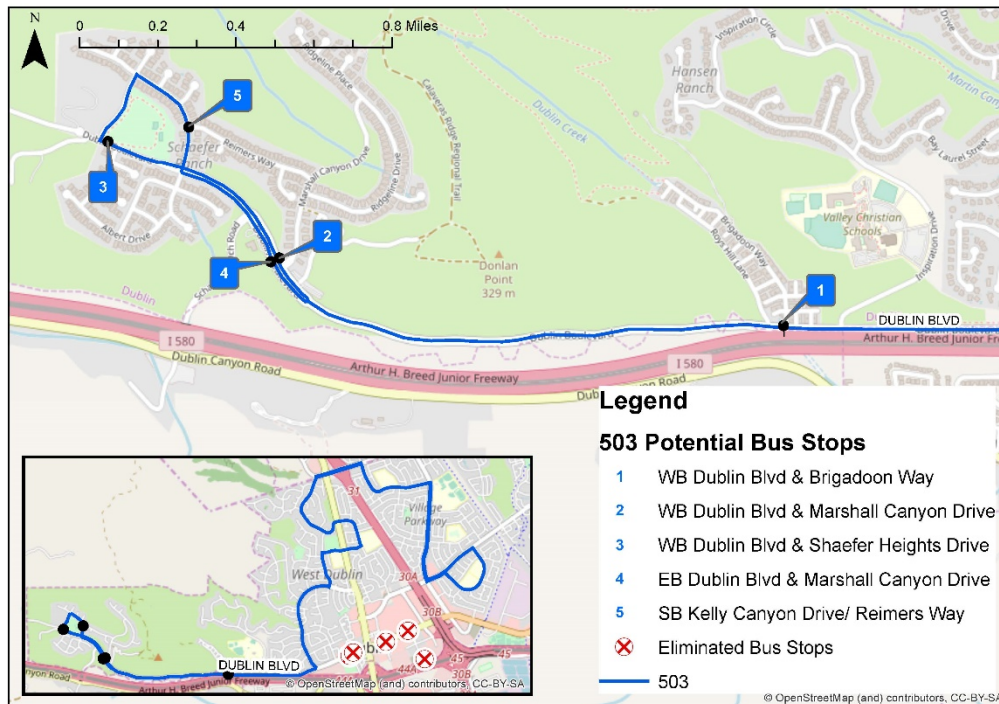
Discussion

More than 800 letters were mailed to residences and businesses along the new proposed routing for the Route 503 as well as to those portions of the existing route that would be discontinued if the Schaefer Ranch extension were to be implemented. A total of 30 comments were received in favor of the new service to Schaefer Ranch and two comments opposed the change. No comments were received from those along the portion of the current route that would have service eliminated.

As a result of the significant support for this change, staff is recommending that should the LAVTA Board approve this proposal, it be brought to the Dublin City Council for consideration and approval of the routing and bus stop locations. This action is expected to occur in November. Staff proposes that the new route alignment be implemented the first day following Dublin Unified School District Winter Break, January 7, 2020.

The map on the following page shows the bus stops on the current routing that would be eliminated and the new routing and proposed bus stops. A total of four stops would be eliminated. In the absence of the Route 503, students who need transportation to DHS from West Dublin/Pleasanton BART and nearby areas could take route #30R, and transfer to either Route 501 or 504 to DHS at the Dublin Boulevard & Village Parkway bus stop.

503 Supplemental Route Changes



Budget

The cost of this service adjustment is approximately \$5,000 on an annual basis. Funding is available within the currently approved budget.

Recommendation

Staff is asking the Projects & Services Committee to review and discuss the service options outlined above, and forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to implement the proposed adjustments to Route 503 beginning January 7, 2020.