

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2020

Meals on Wheels

With COVID-19 and the Shelter in Place Order, the Authority has been experiencing significantly up to 90% ridership reductions on both fixed route and Dial-a-Ride paratransit services. Three Wheels Dial-A-Ride drivers have begun using this slow period to deliver hot meals, snacks, and beverages to seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels program. Each of the drivers are making deliveries for about four hours twice each week. Attached is a picture of Daniel Buffington delivering meals to Arbor Vista Senior Community in Livermore.



Transit Signal Priority Upgrade and Expansion Project

This project will upgrade 67 intersections on the 10R and 30R Rapid routes and 24 Rapid buses with an improved and more reliable GPS-based signal-priority system. Installation of intersection equipment is complete in Livermore and Dublin, and the equipment is scheduled to be programmed by the vendor in May. Eight intersections in Pleasanton along the 10R route are awaiting new controller hardware compatible with the new TSP system, which should arrive in late May. On-board installations of bus equipment were initially completed in early March, with some minor adjustments to be made by vendor once the Shelter in Place (SIP) Order is lifted. Once all equipment is installed and configured, the system will be ready for final testing and acceptance, possibly in summer depending on the status of current or future SIP Orders.

Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancement Project (Rapid Bus Stops on Santa Rita)

Staff has been procuring needed equipment based on the final plans and specifications delivered by Kimley-Horn in November, including shelters, Rapid signage, and real-time passenger information signs. Once construction activities are again permitted locally, LAVTA will issue the Notice to Proceed to the construction contractor.

Wheels Bus Stop Sign Project

The Wheels rebranding project continues over the next few months with purchase and installation of new bus stop signage. The new bus stop signs are highly reflective and feature complementary colors to the new Wheels logo and bus schemes. The signs will be installed on all bus stops not on the Rapid routes.



Dublin Parking Garage Project

County staff have kicked off schematic design work with a county-funded consultant to begin preparing the bridging documents for the design-build RFP, expected to be released this summer. LAVTA is waiting to receive the final Program Supplement and required Scope of Work from Caltrans, including what design features will be required of LAVTA and the County as a condition of receiving state funding. Once clarification of project requirements is received from the state, LAVTA can proceed with finalizing the TIRCP pass-through funding agreement with Alameda County, as soon as June.

Shared Autonomous Vehicle Project

Signage for the site has been installed. Vehicle registration has been renewed. Staff is currently working with Transdev and EasyMile to prepare for testing. However, due to Transdev's travel restrictions, digital mapping of the route is currently on hold, possibly until mid-May. In the meantime, staff is working with the City of Dublin on the vehicle to infrastructure (V2I) communication.

Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study

This study involves the development of the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station as the Tri-Valley Hub for public transportation, in addition to the study of future express bus service on the I-680. Stakeholder engagement is in process. Two technical advisory committee meetings have been held and 20 stakeholder agencies and organizations are involved to provide input on project goals, objectives, and existing conditions and service needs.

Short- and Long-Range Plans

The agency Short- and Long-Range planning efforts are on hold until the fall due to COVID-19.