

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2021 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
LAVTA PROJECTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair David Haubert called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

David Haubert, Alameda County
Gina Bonanno, City of Livermore
Karla Brown, City of Pleasanton
Jean Josey, City of Dublin

Members Absent

Bob Woerner, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

No comments.

4. Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Meeting of the P&S Committee.

Approved: Haubert/Brown
Aye: Haubert, Brown, Josey
No: None
Abstain: Bonanno
Absent: Woerner

5. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Projects and Services Committee that ridership is trending upwards. In April 2020, the average weekday ridership was 750 and April 2021 is about 1,450. Executive Director Michael Tree is hopeful that LAVTA will continue to increase ridership, since people are getting vaccinated and LAVTA continues to disinfect the buses. LAVTA is currently looking into installing an air purifier system in buses to assist with COVID-19 disinfecting. Executive Director Michael Tree reported that LAVTA has met the school service ridership demand and that our Paratransit service continues low compared to pre-COVID. Executive Director Michael Tree reported that the implementation of the paratransit demonstration project with County Connection went smoothly and an Ad Hoc Committee will be established. Executive Director Michael Tree announced that Paratransit will soon have a phone application that will allow customers to view ride information in real time.

Executive Director Michael Tree announced that LAVTA will receive \$4.3 million for rapid bus stop improvements. Executive Director Michael Tree noted the Earmarks and Fast Act Reauthorization Bill and that Congressman Swalwell will

introduce the Atlantis and Maintenance Facility to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the 5-year reauthorization bill in an amount of \$10 million.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that the Board of Directors will receive the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study at the June Board meeting. This report identifies where the Tri-Valley hub is located. The study also calls out for future service that comes in and out of the hub and what express bus service looks like on the I-680 corridor. The Projects and Services Committee will receive an agenda item on this in May.

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that the FY23 Budget will go to the Finance and Administration Committee in May and the LAVTA Board in June.

Executive Director Michael Tree also noted the Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Project and informed that LAVTA is looking for funding for Phase II of this project. Phase II will include faster SAV's. LAVTA requested federal funding through the earmark process for this project.

Executive Director Michael Tree acknowledged Staff is key with the Valley Link Project. The environmental work will be brought to the Valley Link Board in May to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adopt the preferred project. Executive Director Michael Tree also noted there is a lot of work going on with the FTA and the soon to be started 30% design on the project.

The item was discussed by the Committee Members and staff. Committee Member Karla Brown asked if LAVTA sells our current building if that would help pay for the Atlantis and Maintenance Facility. Staff responded that if we sell the building a portion of that money would go back to FTA, since they helped fund build this site. LAVTA is considering leasing the building. Staff will find out from the FTA if we lease our current site if those revenues can offset a debt to get into the Atlantis Facility faster.

Chair David Haubert inquired how many Rapid bus stops LAVTA will get out of the \$4.3 million and requested staff to look at funding for school tripper route shelters. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that if school tripper route shelters is a Board priority staff can look for funding opportunities, but acknowledged challenges with installing these shelters on school routes where the coverage needed to keep students out of occasion rain is often low compared to the need.

Staff provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Air Purifier that included LAVTA's current initiatives and product information. LAVTA's next step is to present this item to the Board of Director's on May 3, 2021 and if approved the air purifier installation will be completed in June 2021.

The PowerPoint presentation was discussed by the Committee Members and staff. Alternate Committee Member Gina Bonanno inquired if the current filtration system using Merv 7 captures Covid-19. Executive Director Michael Tree requested staff look at the filter statistics and to provide an answer at the Board

meeting.

This was informational only

6. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items

7. Matters Initiated by Committee Members

None.

8. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: May 24, 2021

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.