

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2021 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**  
**LAVTA PROJECTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair David Haubert called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**Members Present**

David Haubert, Alameda County  
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 April 26, 2021 Meeting of the P&S Committee.**

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

**5. Approval of Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study**

Staff provided the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study to the Projects and Services Committee and informed that in 2018 California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded a \$500,000 and \$20,000,000 grant to LAVTA. The \$20,000,000 grant was for the construction of a new parking garage at the BART station and \$500,000 was for LAVTA to conduct this Hub Integration Study.

Staff introduced Justin Fox of AECOM who led the study team and Keith Whalen of Ascendal Group who served as Project Manager on behalf of LAVTA. Keith Whalen presented an update on the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study. The presentation provided an overview of the project study team and process, identification of hub location, and bus service improvements. Keith Whalen also detailed the next steps for governance by possibly creating a joint operation through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and new funding sources need to be identified. Keith Whalen noted improvements to the Tri-Valley Hub that are conceptual, scalable to demand, and incremental. Keith Whalen summarized the study conclusions by moving forward with implementing I-680 Express Bus service, establishing a governance structure, securing a funding source, and to build a consensus of improvements to serve as a successful Tri-

Valley Hub.

The item was discussed by the Committee Members, staff, and presenter. Committee Member Karla Brown inquired about funding sources and the difference between the 70x and the I-680 Express Bus service. Keith Whalen provided options for funding sources and regarding the 70x he explained that they would not want to diminish service, but the Express Bus service would be an enhancement to the I-680 corridor. Executive Director Michael Tree informed there will be short and long range planning opportunities and they should look at the 70x's productivity and goals within this study to have branding all the same on I-680 bus service.

The Projects and Services Committee forwarded a recommendation to the LAVTA Board to approve the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study and authorize the Executive Director to forward the study to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

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

**6. Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Recruitment for Terms Starting FY 2021/2022**

The Projects and Services Committee forwarded the recommendation to the Board of Directors to ratify Shawn Costello as the Dublin Representative and Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson as the Pleasanton Representative.

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

**7. Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director Michael Tree requested staff to assist by providing the Projects and Services Committee the Executive Director's Report.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay reported that ridership has increased and in May on a few days ridership exceed 1,700. LAVTA hopes that growth will come more rapidly with school in the fall and the elimination of social distancing, because weekday ridership was at 7,100 pre-COVID.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay announced that LAVTA received two First place American Public Transportation Association (APTA) AdWheel Awards. LAVTA received a First Place Award in the print category for a Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) brochure that Toan Tran and Martha Nguyen

created. In addition, LAVTA received a First Place Award in the special event category for the public launch of service on the SAV. Both of these awards are now eligible for the Grand Prize that will be presented at the November APTA Annual Conference in Orlando.

The item was discussed by the Committee Members & staff. Committee Member Karla Brown requested a case to display all of LAVTA's awards. Staff informed that a display case has been discussed.

Senior Grants & Management Specialist Jennifer Yeamans updated the Projects and Service Committee on the Blue Ribbon Task Force and Fare Coordination and Integration Task Force. The two regional panels have been meeting for about a year and a half to advance regional transit integration and coordination. Jennifer Yeamans informed that the Blue Ribbon Task Force is recommending a Network Manager that would oversee fare integration policy and bus transit priority to make it easier for customers to use public transit. Assembly Bill 629 (Chiu) would require MTC to implement some of the things being explored by the Blue Ribbon Task Force, though it is now a two-year bill. Jennifer Yeamans informed the Projects and Services Committee that all Board Members have been invited by MTC and BART to attend a Policymaker Webinar on May 26 regarding upcoming fare-policy modeling and what is feasible.

The item was discussed by the Committee Members & staff. Chair David Haubert asked if Valley Link's EIR is past public comment or if there is a public appeal time frame now and if they have been met with any legal challenges. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the EIR is through the public comment period and the Valley Link Board of Directors certified the EIR document. The ability to challenge the EIR document expires at midnight on June 14, 2021. Currently, there is no indication there will be a challenge.

This was informational only

## **8. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items**

## **9. Matters Initiated by Committee Members**

Committee Member Karla Brown received concerns about riders with large heavy (oversized) wheel chairs (specifically TAAC Members) experiencing significant challenges while on-boarding and off-boarding our 40' buses, because the doorway is getting smaller and narrower. Committee Member Karla Brown would like to find a solution for these riders. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that this is a complicated issue, but will add a staff report to the next Projects and Services Committee agenda.

## **10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: June 28, 2021**

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.