

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2021

Ridership Update

Ridership thus far in February is up slightly over January. Average weekday ridership is currently about 1,200 compared to just under 1,100 in January. By comparison, our average weekday ridership in February 2020 was just under 7,100, so we are still down about 83% from pre-COVID numbers.

Schools Reopening

The Pleasanton Unified School District has announced plans to resume partial in classroom instruction. In anticipation of that reopening, we have had drivers out doing refresher training on the school routes in Pleasanton and are preparing schedules and other outreach material. We will finalize those materials when PUSD announces their final decision, start dates and bell time schedules. The school districts in Livermore and Dublin have not yet formally announced dates for resuming in classroom instruction.

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

New equipment and amenities, including 10 new shelters with lighting, have been installed. Ongoing work continues at some locations to complete electrical installations, with substantial project completion by the end of this month, and final completion scheduled for mid-March.



Of note is the stop next to the Iron Horse Trail where staff has installed a bike fix it station. The station includes a mounting pedestal for bikes, tools for common repairs on bicycles that are suspended from secure cables and a tire inflator.

Dublin Parking Garage Project

Alameda County serves as the Lead Agency on this project in partnership with LAVTA as project sponsor. The County is in the process of advertising the design-build RFP for construction of the garage, with LAVTA staff participating as a member of the selection committee. Alameda County staff anticipates County awarding the construction contract in summer 2021, with completion in 2023.

Zero Emissions Bus Study

The Authority and consultant are working towards the draft Zero Emissions Plan for LAVTA. This will include future zero emission bus purchases and required infrastructure. On February 22, 2021 staff will be meeting with Mayors in the Tri-Valley and the CEO of Gillig to discuss the potential for Gillig to manufacture hydrogen buses in the near future. A report on this project will be provided at the March LAVTA Board meeting.

Shared Autonomous Vehicle Project

Staff is working with ACTC and MTC on the funding request for Phase II that will extend the route of the autonomous vehicle from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to the Ross Headquarters/Zeiss Innovation Center approximately 1 mile from the station. Staff is also meeting with representatives at business park to discuss the project. A report on this project will be provided at the March LAVTA Board meeting.

Future LAVTA Operations and Maintenance Facility

Staff continues to work with Kimley Horn of the preliminary design of the facilities at the Oaks Business Park, including infrastructure for zero emissions technology. A report on this project will be provided at the March LAVTA Board meeting.

APC Certification/ViewPoint Power BI Pilot

For the last few months LAVTA has been piloting a new and improved version of ViewPoint, which leverages the business intelligence capabilities of Power BI in order to visualize and analyze ridership data captured by automatic passenger counters (APC). Staff has been introduced to the new application and undergone training to create various interactive reports to show on-time performance, ridership, and more. Such reports offer advanced analytics of the service in order to proactively identify operational improvements as well as which APC may need troubleshooting. Staff is continuing to work with Trapeze on improving the quality of data in order to meet NTD thresholds for receiving APC certification and providing NTD and riders with accurate ridership and passenger load information.