

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2021

Ridership

Ridership continues to rebound on the fixed route system. The average weekday ridership increased from approximately 1,500 in July to approximately 3,500 in September. As forecasted, ridership began increasing in August due to the return of school trippers and continued through September, coinciding with the monthlong free fare promotion.

While capacity constraints are no longer in effect, we continue to struggle with an industry-wide driver shortage. As discussed with the Board in the previous meeting, in order to help cover the school trippers, frequencies on the Rapids were reduced back to 30 minutes all-day starting September 20. LAVTA continues to partner with our fixed route contractor MV Transportation to offer referral/retention/safety bonuses and tackle driver recruitment and retention.

The TSA mask mandate has been extended again through January 18, 2022.

Zero-Emission Bus Study

LAVTA and the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) staff presented an overview of The Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Transition Master Plan at the September Board of Directors meeting. A copy of the plan was provided to the board in preparation for discussions and approval at the September Project and Services Committee meeting. However, due to a scheduling conflict, this item will be moved to the October meeting.

Atlantis Maintenance, Operations, and Administration (MOA) Facility

Since last month's meeting, staff has been working with Kimley-Horn and Associates on finalizing the details of Contract Task Order 5, which is the development of the bridging documents (bid documents) and 60 percent completion of design. The task order will be taken to the October board meeting for approval.

An update on the SAV program and other projects will be provided at the Board meeting.