

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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PROJECTS and SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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TELECONFERENCE

JUNE 28, 2021 – 4:00 PM

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call of Members**
- 3. Meeting Open to Public**
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 - Members of the audience may address the Committee on items on the Agenda at the time the Chair calls for the particular Agenda item.
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- 4. Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Meeting of the P&S Committee.**

Recommendation: Approval
- 5. Acceptance of Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancement Project #2019-08**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Project & Services Committee refer Resolution 23-2021 to the Board of Directors for approval, accepting the completion of the Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements Project #2019-08 and directing the Executive Director or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder.
- 6. Revised Resolution in Support of Participation in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Clipper START! Pilot Program**

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to provide the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with a revised resolution indicating LAVTA's desire to continue to participate in MTC's Clipper START! pilot program.
- 7. Executive Directors Report**
- 8. Preview of Upcoming P&S Committee Agenda Items**
- 9. Matters Initiated by Committee Members**
- 10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: July 26, 2021**
- 11. Adjourn**

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I hereby certify that this agenda was posted 72 hours in advance of the noted meeting.

/s/ Jennifer Suda

6/25/2021

LAVTA Administrative Services Department

Date

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AGENDA

ITEM 4



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.

AGENDA

ITEM 5



STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancement Project #2019-08

FROM: Jennifer Yeamans, Senior Grants & Management Specialist

DATE: June 28, 2021

Action Requested

Staff recommends that the Project & Services Committee refer Resolution 23-2021 to the Board of Directors for approval, accepting the completion of the Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements Project #2019-08 and directing the Executive Director or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder for the project.

Background

Following implementation of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis in August 2016, in October 2016 LAVTA applied for funding from the Alameda County Transportation Commission to improve transit facilities along the Santa Rita, W. Las Positas, and Owens Blvd. corridors in Pleasanton on the new 10R Rapid route. The goal of the proposed Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancement project was to add vital amenities to improve the transit experience in Pleasanton, including premium Rapid-style bus shelters, enhanced lighting, real time signs, benches, trash cans, and bicycle racks to complement the premium Rapid bus service operating along the corridor.

In April 2017, Alameda CTC awarded LAVTA \$1,414,000 in Measure B funds to complete the project, of which \$152,000 was programmed for design and engineering work and \$1,262,000 for construction, including procurement of both equipment and construction services. LAVTA would provide a total of \$212,000 in matching funds, bringing the total project budget to \$1,626,000 including design, equipment, and construction, of which a total of \$175,000 was budgeted for design and \$1,451,000 for equipment and construction.

Kimley-Horn and Associates completed design work for the Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements Project in November 2019, after which LAVTA began procuring needed equipment and advertised the project for construction. In February 2020, the LAVTA Board of Directors awarded the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc., in the base amount of \$775,820.00.

Discussion

Following a delay of several months due to the initial Shelter in Place Orders issued in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency, work began in July 2020 under special conditions permitted by the County Health Officer for outdoor construction activities. Professional construction management services were provided by LAVTA's on-call construction management firm, Gannett Fleming.

As work progressed, a total of four of change orders were issued in response to various unforeseen conditions encountered in the course of the work. These change orders added a total of \$48,056.55 and 70 calendar days to the project, which achieved substantial completion on March 22, 2021.

With work completed, Alameda CTC requires the LAVTA Board of Directors to approve a resolution to accept construction completion in order to close out the grant received for Measure B funding for the project.

Fiscal Impact

This construction contract awarded by the Board of Directors was for \$775,820.00. Change orders in the amount of \$48,056.55 were approved and the project was successfully completed at a final negotiated cost of \$819,301.83, including minor variations in bid quantities furnished in the course of the work. Equipment purchased by LAVTA for the project totaled \$554,143.05, bringing the total direct construction cost to \$1,373,444.88. Cost savings of \$77,555.12 against the grant's construction budget were used toward acquisition of professional construction-management services performed during the course of construction, enabling full utilization of available grant funding toward the project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Project & Services Committee refer Resolution 23-2021 to the Board of Directors for approval, accepting the completion of the Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements Project #2019-08 and directing the Executive Director or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder.

Attachments

1. Resolution 23-2021
2. Draft Notice of Completion

RESOLUTION 23-2021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ACCEPTING AS COMPLETE THE WORK PERFORMED BY FBD
VANGUARD CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR LAVTA PROJECT #2019-08 –
PLEASANTON BRT CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. prepared plans, specifications, and cost estimates related to LAVTA Project #2019-08 – Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020, the LAVTA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 05-2020, awarding a construction contract to FBD Vanguard Construction Inc., for the construction of LAVTA Project #2019-08. FBD Vanguard Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsive base bid in the amount of \$770,825.00; and

WHEREAS, during the life of the project there were four approved change orders, and the final invoiced amount including approved change orders is \$819,301.83; and

WHEREAS, FBD Vanguard Construction Inc. has satisfied the contractual requirements necessary for the acceptance of LAVTA Project #2019-08 – Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements as complete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors that LAVTA Project #2019-08 – Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements is hereby accepted as complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or his/her designee is hereby directed to file a Notice of Completion for LAVTA Project #2019-08 with the County Recorder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the governing board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority on this 12th day of July 2021.

Karla Brown, Chair

Attest:

Michael Tree, Executive Director

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AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

Name	┌	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	┐
Street		1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100	
Address		Livermore, CA 94551	
City & State	└		┘

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that:

1. The undersigned is an authorized agent of the owner of the hereinafter described property.
2. The full name of the undersigned owner is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY AND STATE</u>
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	1362 Rutan Ct., Suite 100	Livermore, CA

3. On March 22, 2021, there was completed on the hereinafter described real property, located in the City of Pleasanton, California, the contract for the LAVTA Pleasanton BRT Corridor Enhancements Project.

The work consisted of the enhancement of the BRT transit facilities along the Santa Rita, W. Las Positas, and Owens Blvd corridors in Pleasanton, on the Wheels 10R route. These upgrades added a variety of amenities to improve the transit experience, including Rapid-style bus shelters, enhanced lighting, real time signs, solar panel assemblies, benches, trash cans, and bicycle racks.

4. The name of the prime contractor for the work is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY AND STATE</u>
FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc.	550 Greenville Road	Livermore, CA

5. The real property herein referred to is located in the City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda, California.

VERIFICATION

I, Michael S. Tree, declare that I am the Executive Director of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and am authorized to make this verification for that reason. I have read said Notice of Completion and know the contents thereof to be true and correct to my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, 2021, at Livermore, California
 (date) (place where signed)

By: _____

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ITEM 6



STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Revised Resolution in Support of Participation in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Clipper START! Pilot Program

FROM: Tony McCaulay, Director of Planning and Marketing

DATE: June 28, 2021

Action Requested

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to provide the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with a revised resolution indicating LAVTA's desire to continue to participate in MTC's Clipper START! pilot program.

Background

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has established a pilot program to offer discounted transit fares to low income individuals. Known as Clipper START!, the program allows adults who live in the Bay Area and whose annual earnings are up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level to qualify. The pilot was originally approved for an 18-month period scheduled to end in mid-January 2022.

Discussion

In November 2020, the LAVTA Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to notify MTC of our desire to participate in this pilot program. However, because of the pandemic, the funding allocated to the pilot has not been expended. MTC is now proposing to extend the end date for the pilot program to June 30, 2023. This change requires that LAVTA submit a new resolution indicating our commitment to continue participating in the program through the new end date. The highlighted parts of the attached resolution are the only changes from the resolution adopted by the Board in November 2020.

Budget

Riders using the Clipper START! card will receive a 20 percent discount on fares. MTC will be using Cares Act funding to reimburse LAVTA for half of that discount, up to \$98,992. The remainder of the discount will be recovered using our Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds. We view the program as an opportunity to assist Tri-Valley residents who may be economically challenged.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to provide the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with a revised resolution indicating LAVTA's desire to continue to participate in MTC's Clipper START! pilot program.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-2021

RESOLUTION 24-2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE
AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION'S CLIPPER START! PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, transit affordability has been highlighted as a regional issue in MTC's Coordinated Plan, Plan Bay Area and other plans; and

WHEREAS, MTC has established the regional framework for the Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Pilot Program to improve transit affordability and access to opportunity for eligible low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a regional framework for the program, with participating operators, funding guidelines, and program conditions, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, to guide implementation of the Clipper START Pilot Program for the 36-month period spanning Fiscal Year 2020-21, Fiscal Year 2021-22, and Fiscal Year 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, MTC used the process and criteria set forth in Attachment A of Resolution No. 4439 to program funds appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the expansion of Clipper START Pilot to operators (Cohort 2) beyond the four (Cohort 1) operators as established in Resolution No. 4420; and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) has followed its Board-adopted fare policies and processes to be in compliance with Title VI analysis prior to implementing the Means-Based Fare Program; and

WHEREAS, LAVTA recommends that its Board of Directors authorize a resolution of support for LAVTA to participate in the Regional Means-Based Fare Program (Clipper START), to be funded in part under the Regional Means-Based Fare Program; and

WHEREAS, LAVTA agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Regional Means-Based Fare Program (Clipper START), and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, and MTC Resolution No. 4439, and

WHEREAS, LAVTA certifies that the project(s) and purpose(s) for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California

Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is no legal impediment to LAVTA making the funding request; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of LAVTA to deliver the proposed project(s) for which funds are being requested; and

WHEREAS, MTC will reimburse participating operators based on Clipper START ridership actual trips taken and MTC will take programming action to establish the maximum amount for each participating operator; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that LAVTA requests that MTC program funds available under its Clipper START Pilot Program, in the amounts requested for which LAVTA is eligible, which is up to \$98,992; and

RESOLVED, that staff of LAVTA shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 12th day of July 2021.

Karla Brown, Chair

ATTEST:

Michael Tree, Executive Director

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ITEM 7



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2021

Ridership

During the month of June, we have seen a slight decrease in ridership, which was anticipated with the end of the school year in late May in Pleasanton and Dublin. Our average weekday ridership thus far in June 2021 is about 1,500, compared to an average weekday ridership of about 1,600 in May of this year and 1,500 in April 2021. In April 2020, which marked our pandemic low point, our average weekday ridership was about 750. Capacity constraints on our buses are no longer required as part of California's reopening on June 14. Passengers and bus operators are still required to wear face covering by TSA mandate through at least September 13, unless that date is amended.

We are looking forward to seeing our ridership numbers rebound as the 2021-22 school year begins on August 11 in Pleasanton, August 16 in Dublin and August 24 in Livermore with most all students returning to in-person instruction. Las Positas College has elected to continue to have the majority of instruction be done remotely for the fall semester.

Pandemic Recovery

Aligning with California's statewide reopening on June 15, we have removed capacity limits on our vehicles (masks are still enforced) and resumed some of our service that has been reduced for more than a year due to the pandemic. We increased weekday peak hour service to pre-COVID levels on Routes 1, 3, 8, 10R, 14, and 30R, and restored all-day service on Route 15. All service continues to run until 11 pm.

At the current driver staffing level, we will be able to provide school tripper coverage when students return for the fall as well as the service already reinstated. However, our recovery plan is to restore as much service to pre-COVID levels as possible, as soon as possible. While we are solvent in our recovery funding, we face the nationwide challenge of driver shortages.

LAVTA has been working with our fixed route contractor MV Transportation on recruiting efforts for the past several months, collaboratively offering increased sign-on, referral, and safety bonuses to attract applicants and retain current drivers, and more (job fairs, open houses, target marketing, employment agencies, etc.). We will continue to explore all options until we reach our target staffing level required for full service restoration.

Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force)

The Task Force leadership recently had a meeting with small operators in the Bay Area to discuss their progress in planning improvements. At the meeting the polling results of Bay Area residents was discussed, as well as an updated on the proposed Network Management and the Transformation Action Plan next steps.

Out of 1,000 random interviews, 89% stated strong support across Bay Area for legislation to create a more seamless transit system. 92% wanted improved real-time information on wait times and vehicle locations, 93% wanted better transit for dependent populations, 92% wanted more direct service, with fewer transfers and shorter wait times, and 88% wanted a regional network that has consistent fares, aligned routes and schedules and standardized information.

Additionally, 92% wanted easy to use and uniform maps and signage, 90% wanted a single app for planning schedules and information, and 80% wanted dedicated travel lanes along key transit routes for buses and carpools.

In regard to the Network Management roles and responsibilities, the Task Force has worked over the last four months in refining a priority list of items. Additionally, MTC has hired a consultant team to conduct an initial evaluation of roles and responsibilities adopted by the Task Force against potential Network Management models and evaluation criteria. The work will be completed by the July 26th Task Force meeting

Key priorities identified include:

- Fare Integration*
- Bus Transit Priority*
- Connected Network Planning
- Station Hub Design Review
- Data Collection and Coordination
- Capital Project Prioritization**
- Branding Mapping and Wayfinding
- Marketing/Public Information*
- Technology and Mobile Standards (real time information)
- Accessible Services
- Centralized Program Eligibility Verification
- Bus Network Management Reform
- Rail Network Management Reform
- Mega-project Deliver and Oversight
- Funding Advocacy

*Years 1-5

** Not considered a near-term priority

Dublin Parking Garage Project

Alameda County serves as the Lead Agency on this project in partnership with LAVTA as project sponsor. The County is finalizing the design-build RFP for advertisement for construction of the garage in consultation with the City of Dublin and other stakeholders. Alameda County staff anticipates advertising the project to pre-qualified proposers in July, awarding the contract in December, with completion in mid-2023.

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ITEM 8



LAVTA COMMITTEE ITEMS - July 2021 - November 2021

Projects & Services Committee

July

Minutes

*Typically July committee meetings are cancelled

Action Info

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August

Minutes

Action Info

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September

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DAR Customer Satisfaction Survey

Action Info

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October

Minutes

Winter Service Changes (effective February)

Action Info

X

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November

Minutes

Award of Paratransit O&M Contract

Action Info

X

X