

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2021 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bob Woerner at 4:00pm.

Board Chair Bob Woerner informed the public that LAVTA's meeting is being conducted according to the COVID-19 rules that are detailed at the beginning of the agenda explaining why this is a Zoom teleconference.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Jean Josey – City of Dublin

Melissa Hernandez – City of Dublin

Kathy Narum – City of Pleasanton

Karla Brown – City of Pleasanton

Bob Woerner – City of Livermore

Brittni Kiick – City of Livermore

David Haubert – County of Alameda (arrived at 4:08pm)

3. Meeting Open to Public

No comments.

4. March Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes

[David Haubert, from County of Alameda, arrived during March Tri-valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes]

Chair Herb Hastings of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the March 3, 2021 TAAC Zoom teleconference meeting. Discussed at the TAAC meeting were updates on Paratransit Operations and Maintenance Contract Update, Membership Recruitment, LAVTA's Annual Paratransit Plan to ACTC, Pleasanton Paratransit Update, Clipper 2.0 Update, and PAPCO Report. Herb Hastings informed the Board of Directors that there was one service concern regarding van accessibility for oversized wheelchairs with the new Paratransit 15-month pilot program and Staff informed there will be two available vans to accommodate large mobility devices. Herb Hastings also noted that there was discussion regarding the space by the driver barrier door for an oversized wheelchair and he is working with Staff on a solution.

Vice Chair Karla Brown informed that she met with Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson to discuss the hand sanitizer placement on Wheels buses, because when she pivots her oversized wheelchair the hand sanitizer is knocked off. Vice Chair Karla Brown asked Herb Hastings if they are discussing the same concern regarding the space by the driver barrier or if it is different. Herb Hastings explained that another TAAC Committee Member is hitting the barrier door when they board Wheels buses. Staff responded that both concerns are part of the same issue, due to the length of the oversized wheelchair and they are working on a solution.

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the March 1, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report for February 2021

The Board of Directors approved the February 2021 Treasurer's Report.

C. Resolution in Support of Allocation Request for FY 20-21 Funding through the State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 09-2021 to request an LCTOP allocation for the FY 20-21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to restart school-serving routes in FY 21-22.

D. Extension of SAV Operations and Maintenance Contract

The Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to extend the agreement with Transdev for the operations and maintenance of the Shared Autonomous Vehicle project through July 31, 2021.

Approved: Narum/Brown

Aye: Narum, Woerner, Brown, Josey, Kiick, Hernandez, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Alternate Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680

The Board of Directors appointed Kathy Narum to become the alternate for the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Approved: Hernandez/Brown

Aye: Narum, Woerner, Brown, Josey, Kiick, Hernandez, Haubert

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that ridership increased to an average of about 1,500 weekday rides, but that is still below our average weekday ridership of about 7,000 prior to the pandemic. LAVTA continues to work on ridership and social distancing on buses. Executive Director Michael Tree pointed out that all three schools resumed service and this helped ridership, but loads have been light. Executive Director Michael Tree explained that MV Transportation is hiring additional drivers in the recovery phase. Executive Director Michael Tree informed of upcoming funding opportunities for LAVTA and earmarks could be \$500K to \$1.5M. Executive Director Michael Tree also noted that the Board should have a staff report at

their next meeting on the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study and I-680 Express Bus plans. Executive Director Michael Tree provided an update on the successful transition of the paratransit service pilot program that started April 1, 2021 between CCCTA and LAVTA with our new contractor Transdev. Executive Director Michael Tree also highlighted the solar-powered bicycle eLockers (called BikeLink) adjacent to the Transit Center, Dublin Parking Garage Project, and Santa Rita Project in Pleasanton.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Chair Bob Woerner asked how many citizens utilized our free rides to COVID vaccine sites. Staff currently does not have these numbers and will return at the next Board meeting with information. Vice Chair Karla Brown inquired about the Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) project. Staff noted that the SAV Phase 1 is concluding and informed that the current SAV moves slowly and LAVTA identified RM2 funds for Phase 2. Phase 2 of the SAV project will be expanded with two SAVs that operate 20-25 mph and the procurement will take approximately 12 months to manufacturer and deliver. Vice Chair Karla Brown informed that if LAVTA obtains a Phase 2 SAV (20-25 mph) she requested the Phase 1 SAV (8 mph) around the Stoneridge Mall area. Director Jean Josey inquired about school ridership and social distancing on school routes. Staff informed that there has been no issue with social distancing, but that's due to low ridership at schools.

This was informational only.

8. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

Vice Chair Karla Brown received an email from Richard from Goodness Village (tiny home project in Livermore) at CrossWinds Church regarding a walking path to get to the closet Wheels bus and this person is also working with Director Brittni Kiick. Vice Chair Karla Brown forwarded the email to Executive Director Michael Tree and Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay and would like to know if LAVTA can look at this option for a potential pickup route change. Director Brittni Kiick informed that there is a meeting scheduled with her, Executive Director Michael Tree, Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay, and the Executive Director of Goodness Village on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 to discuss how to best serve that community. Vice Chair Karla Brown requested a report out on the meeting outcome.

Director Brittni Kiick requested an update on the signal priority system at the next Board meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: May 3, 2021

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.