

**LI MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 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  
Brittini Kiick – City of Livermore  
David Haubert – County of Alameda

**3. Meeting Open to Public**

No comments.

**4. May Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes**

Chair Herb Hastings of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the May 5, 2021 TAAC Zoom teleconference meeting. Discussed at the TAAC meeting were updates on the 15-month pilot program with County Connection, My Transit App, membership recruitments for FY21/22, Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) project, and David Weir provide an update on the Clipper phone app.

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:**

**A. Minutes of the May 3, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.**

**B. Treasurer's Report for April 2021**

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

**C. One Year Extension to Legal Services Agreement with Hanson Bridgett LLP**

The Board of Directors exercised an option year and extend the legal services agreement from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**D. Legislative Update**

The Board of Directors approved one legislative position:

- SB 548 (Eggman) – Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority: transit connectivity – **SUPPORT**

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

The Board of Directors ratified the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee appointments as follows:

Appointed on July 1, 2021 for two-year term ending on June 30, 2023

- Shawn Costello, Dublin, Member
- Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson, Pleasanton, Member

**F. Exercise the First Option Year of the Contract with MV Transportation**

The Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to exercise the first option year and extend the fixed route operations and maintenance services contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**G. Resolution in Support of Application for FY 21-22 Funding through the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 18-2021 in support of an allocation request to MTC and Caltrans for the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (SGR) Program.

**H. LAVTA Annual Salary Band Review**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 17-2021 adjusting the salary bands for LAVTA positions.

Legal Counsel Michael Conneran recused himself from agenda item 5c.

Approved: Brown/Narum

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Staff provided a brief background of the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study and noted that the study was funded through a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant. The overall grant included \$20,000,000 to build a parking garage at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and \$500,000 to fund the study.

Staff introduced Justin Fox of AECOM and Keith Whalen of Ascendal Group. Keith Whalen

provided a presentation on the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study. The presentation included a study overview, Tri-Valley Hub location, transit improvements to address gaps in the State Rail Network, and the Tri-Valley Hub improvements.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with the presenter and staff.

The Board of Directors approved the Tri-Valley Hub Network Integration Study and authorize the Executive Director to forward the study to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

Approved: Josey/Hernandez

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **7. LAVTA's Operating & Capital Budget for FY 2022**

Staff reported that the FY 2022 budget increased 1.83% over the FY 2021 original budget. The increase is due to the Fixed Route contract, Paratransit contract, and new SAV projects. The budget includes one new Senior Capital Projects Specialist position to assist with completing capital projects. Staff also noted that LAVTA only budgets revenues we are receiving.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Vice Chair Karla Brown inquired if LAVTA will have future capital projects that will enable a long-term employee and if this position will partially work on Valley Link. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that LAVTA should see continued capital project opportunities and he does not anticipate this position working on the Valley Link project. Director David Haubert inquired about passengers fares being 5% for FY 2022 and past years being higher. Executive Director Michael Tree explained that in a normal year (pre-COVID) there would be a more robust farebox recovery, so LAVTA budgeted more conservatively for FY 2022.

The Board of Directors approved the Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2022. Resolution 17-2021.

Approved: Haubert/Narum

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **8. Election of LAVTA Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board nominated and elected a LAVTA Board Chair and Vice Chair for FY22 in accordance with the agency's bylaws.

A motion was made by Director Kathy Narum to select the following as the LAVTA Board Chair for FY 2022:

Chair – Karla Borwn

Approved: Narum/Woerner

A motion was made by Director Melissa Hernandez to select the following as the LAVTA Board Vice Chair for FY 2022:

Vice Chair – David Haubert

Approved: Hernandez/Brown

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Michael Tree expressed his appreciation working with Chair Woerner on the LAVTA Board of Directors and informed a resolution of appreciation will be added to the next board agenda.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay reported that ridership in May was around 1,600 a day, but that compares to 7,100 pre-COVID ridership. LAVTA does not expect to see ridership growth in the summer months. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay informed that all school districts will go to full in-classroom instruction the fall of 2021. LAVTA will increase service June 14<sup>th</sup> to pre-COVID schedules in the peak morning and afternoon hours on Routes 1, 3, 8, and 14. Route 15 has higher ridership and will be back to pre-COVID operation on weekdays. Route 10R and 30R will go to 15-minute service four hours in the morning and evening, but all service will not go past 11pm. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay noted that MV Transportation is currently hiring additional drivers to meet demand when school opens in fall.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay announced that LAVTA received the following awards: 1.) APTA AdWheel first place award in the print media category for a SAV project progress to date and Phase 2 opportunities brochure created by our Operations and Innovation team; 2.) APTA AdWheel first place award first place in the special events category for the launch of public passenger service on our SAV; 3.) Telly silver award in the Non-Broadcast Documentary category for the SAV public launch video.

Senior Grants & Management Specialist Jennifer Yeaman reported an update on the Blue Ribbon Task Force and Fare Coordination and Integration Task Force that Executive Director Michael Tree serves on. LAVTA is staying engaged in both task forces and will inform the Board of Directors of important updates as their work progresses.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay informed that the Transit Center in downtown Livermore was once the location of an A&W Root Beer stand that opened in 1959 and a woman named Angie Navarro worked there for 25 years. Angie Navarro passed away last year and LAVTA received a request to rename the road that comes off of Old First Street into the Transit Center across from John's Char-Burgers to Angie's Way. LAVTA had a sign and dedication plaque created in the official A&W colors and will be mounted on the monument

structure outside the entrance to the Transit Center. The dedication ceremony will be held mid to late August.

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that Valley Link's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified at the last Board Meeting and preferred project was adopted. Valley Link is now moving on to the following steps: 1.) NEPA process; 2.) complicated approval process with Caltrans for work on I-580; 3.) 30% Design. Executive Director Michael Tree noted Senate Bill (SB) 548 authored by Susan Eggman cleans up the original Assembly Bill (AB) 758 and designates the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority as a rail transit district. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that SB 548 will be considered by the Assembly Transportation Committee on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Letters of Support for SB 548 are due June 11<sup>th</sup> from member agencies. Valley Link will receive \$20 million in funding from the federal government and there are several budget items at the state for an amount around \$10 million. Executive Director Michael Tree acknowledged the key LAVTA executive staff that works on Valley Link: Michael Tree, Tamara Edwards and Tony McCaulay.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Director Kathy Narum acknowledged Executive Director Michael Tree for his leadership with LAVTA and Valley Link and winning many awards. Vice Chair Karla Brown inquired if social distancing is required on buses when the state reopens on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay informed that social distancing will not be enforced on the buses, but passengers are still required federally to wear a mask. Vice Chair Karla Brown requested a LAVTA bus pass. Staff informed Board Members to notify Jennifer Suda if they want a bus pass, provide a headshot for the ID, and LAVTA will either mail the ID or the Board Member can pick-up in-person. Vice Chair Karla Brown inquired when LAVTA will start in-person meetings again. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that in-person meetings may start again in July or August and possibly be a hybrid model.

This was informational only.

#### **10. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors**

Director Brittni Kiick requested LAVTA to connect with the cities regarding tourism projects they are funding and encourage citizens to take the routes close to these events to boost ridership

#### **11. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: July 12, 2021**

#### **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.