

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 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

**Members Absent**

David Haubert – County of Alameda

**3. Meeting Open to Public**

No comments.

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Minutes of the February 1, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.**

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

The Board of Directors approved the LAVTA Treasurer's Report for January 2021.

**C. Approval of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 21 through 25**

The Board of Directors approved the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 and adopted Resolution 07-2021.

**D. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Applications for Federal Funds for Fiscal Year 2021 with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 08-2021 authorizing the filing of an application for FTA formula program and Surface Transportation Programs funding for replacement vehicles, ADA operating assistance, radios, fareboxes and Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority for capital

and operating funds for Fiscal Year 2021 and committing the necessary local match for the projects and stating the assurance of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority to complete the projects.

**E. Bus Exterior Advertising Contract – Execute Option Year 2**

The Board of Directors approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute the second option year of our contract with Lamar Transit Advertising for the sale and installation of exterior bus advertising and maintain the current 50 percent split of net advertising sales.

Approved: Hernandez/Brown

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

**5. Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680**

The Board of Directors appointed Melissa Hernandez to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item and it was noted that Melissa Hernandez was previously the alternate for the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee. Legal Counsel advised to wait until the next meeting to vote on the alternate, since it was not on the current agenda.

Approved: Narum/Josey

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

**6. Major Initiatives Update**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors an update on the capital projects LAVTA is currently working on: Rapid Stops on Santa Rita, Dublin Parking Garage Project, Zero-Emission Bus Study, Atlantis Transit Facility, Shared Autonomous Vehicle Project, Valley Link Project, and the Livermore Transit Center Rehabilitation and Improvement Project. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that there are consultants that will provide updates on four of these capital projects.

Executive Director Michael Tree gave a brief update on the Rapid Stops on Santa Rita and announced they are nearing completion. It was noted that LAVTA obtained a vendor to assist with adhering decals to shelters and that is a final step for this project. Executive Director Michael Tree reported that Measure B funds were used for this project. The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item and Vice Chair Karla Brown thanked LAVTA staff for working on this project.

Executive Director Michael introduced Hadi Hadjarzadeh of County of Alameda General

Services Agency who presented an update on the Dublin Parking Garage Project. The presentation provided a project background, key overview of design objectives, site plans, and project schedule. The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. There were various inquiries from the Board of Directors regarding building art options, additional LAVTA parking, ventilation/conversion concerns, solar array, and parking space sizes. Vice Chair Karla Brown made a request for a recognition plaque for funding sources and LAVTA.

Executive Director Michael introduced Savannah Gupton of Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) who presented an update on the Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Study. The presentation provided a ZEB purchasing schedule, Battery Electric Buses (BEB)/Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCEB) vehicles comparison, infrastructure scalability, BEB service feasibility, and cost comparisons. Savannah Gupton informed the Board of Directors that CTE is working on a ZEB master plan to provide the best technology option moving forward and an Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rollout Plan. The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. There were various inquiries from the Board of Directors regarding hydrogen technology.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed the Board of Directors that LAVTA has about \$7 million in reserves committed towards the Atlantis Transit Facility project and are hoping for a local match. Executive Director Michael Tree introduced Mike Mowery of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. who presented an update on the Atlantis Transit Facility. The presentation provided conceptual facility renderings of the Operations and Maintenance Facility at the Oaks Business Park in Livermore. The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. There was one request from Director Brittini Kiick regarding electric charging infrastructure for non-revenue vehicles.

Executive Director Michael Tree introduced Neal Hemenover of Transdev who presented an update on the Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Project. The presentation provided a timeline, Phase 1 overview (setup, testing, current vehicle technology, and lessons learned), current COVID-19 service, Phase 2 overview (vehicle upgrade, mobility hub, and bike/scooter share). The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. Director Brittini Kiick inquired if the SAV is ADA compatible. Neal Hemenover responded that ADA compatibility is being looked at and designed, but currently not available. Executive Director noted that LAVTA is preparing the MTC application for Phase 2 funding and political help will be needed.

Executive Director Michael Tree gave an update on the Valley Link Project. The presentation provided an overview of future I-580 traffic expectations, current Board of Directors and Team, corridor with proposed stations, train technology, and economic impact. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released in December 2020 for public comment and they were due on January 21, 2021. Valley Link received comments from 42 different entities. The project team is currently responding to those comments and making any associated revisions to the Draft EIR. Executive Director Michael Tree noted that the California High-Speed Rail Draft 2020 Business Plan and the State Rail Plan both contained Valley Link in their planning documents. Executive Director Michael Tree detailed the project funding and provided the funds that have been identified that total \$708 million. Cost of the Project will be \$2.4 to \$3.2 billion in year of expenditure. The presentation concluded with the project schedule and the changes to SB 548. The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. There were various inquiries from the Board of Directors regarding zero-emission alternatives and alternative shared vehicle connections.

Executive Director Michael Tree gave a brief update on the Livermore Transit Center

Rehabilitation and Improvement Project. LAVTA partnered with the City of Livermore to relocate and rehabilitate the Historic Train Depot. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that the infrastructure at the Transit center has reached its lifecycle. Staff was successful at securing a four-hundred thousand dollar grant to get the Transit Center in a good state of repair. Staff currently is working on a scope of work and will bring a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Board of Directors later this year.

Chair Bob Woerner suggested that the Zoom Board of Directors meeting on 3/1/2021 be made available via email to the Board Members, so they can highlight the information for citizens of their communities.

This was informational only.

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

Executive Director Michael Tree announced that LAVTA began operating free rides to COVID-19 vaccination sites on Fixed Route and Paratransit. It was noted that schools are reopening and Executive Director Michael Tree informed that LAVTA can accommodate our customers.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item. Director Kathy Narum asked if LAVTA understands why people are riding our buses. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay informed that a passenger survey of past and current riders was conducted and these are the top three responses among previous passengers: 1. Until my company/school tells me I can come back to work/school; 2. When a vaccine is available and widely distributed; and 3. When I'm comfortable the buses are safe/clean (disinfected). LAVTA had public service announcements on KKIQ and produced the "Hi I'm Michael Tree" video series showing various disinfecting activities, hand sanitizer on the buses, mask wearing, etc. and posted those videos to our Facebook page. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay reported that a Peachjar post was sent out to Pleasanton schools emphasizing what LAVTA has done so far for COVID-19 and how parents should get students ready to ride when they return to school. Director Jean Josey asked for more information on Fixed Route free rides to a COVID-19 vaccination site to pass onto her constituents. Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay explained that if you have a COVID-19 vaccination appointment you will have some type of paper or digital QR code with the information and that is required to be shown to the driver for a free ride to and from the appointment that day only. Director Melissa Hernandez requested Director Tony McCaulay to email her the Peachjar flyer for Dublin.

This was informational only.

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

None.

## **9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: April 5, 2021**

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.