

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2021 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**  
**LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bob Woerner at 4:02pm.

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. Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.**

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

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

**C. Approval of Resolutions Authorizing Staff to Apply for TDA, STA, and RM2 funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

The Board of Directors approved Resolutions 10-2021 and 11-2021 authorizing the filing of a claim with MTC for Allocation of TDA Article 4.0, 4.5, STA, and RM2 Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**D. Resolution in Support of Allocation Request for Regional Measure 2 Funding for the Rapid Bus Stop Improvement Project**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 14-2021 in support of an allocation request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for \$230,000 for the design phase of the Rapid Bus Stop Improvement Project.

**E. Resolution in Support of Application for Funding through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program for the LAVTA Passenger Facilities Enhancement Project**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 13-2021, authorizing the filing of an application for funding assigned to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the LAVTA Passenger Facilities Enhancements project. This resolution is required to request this funding from MTC.

**F. FTA Section 5311 Funding Authorizing Resolution**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 12-2021, authorizing LAVTA to receive federal funding under FTA Section 5311.

Approved: Narum/Hernandez

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

After the Consent Agenda, Agenda Items 6-7 were moved up on the agenda for the convenience of the group in managing the balance of the meeting.

**6. Installation of Active Air Purification Devices on Buses**

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors the Installation of Active Air Purification Devices on Buses. Executive Director Michael Tree discussed the safety defecting measures LAVTA has taken during COVID-19. Executive Director Michael Tree acknowledged that research points towards airborne particles as the primary transmitter of COVID-19. Executive Director Michael Tree highlighted the air purification requirements LAVTA felt was important and the best product is the United Safety and Survivability Corporation's Active Air Purification system. LAVTA will use TDA funds to purchase the air purification system, but staff will try to get Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover the cost. Executive Director Michael Tree also noted that Gillig will offer the air purification system on future Gillig bus purchases.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Director Jean Josey inquired what the life span and maintenance cost is for this air purification system. Staff responded that the system is designed to last as long as the vehicle and the warranty is good for 5 years. The maintenance cost is \$300 per year for the light bulb.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 15-2021 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with United Safety and Survivability Corporation for 65 air purification systems for the entire fixed route fleet in an amount not to exceed \$206,000.

Approved: Josey/Brown

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

No: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that the ridership is improving and trending upwards, but nowhere near pre-COVID ridership numbers. In April, passenger ridership was around 1,400 passengers a day. The biggest ridership gains will be in fall, due to the possibility of school service coming back with all students.

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that the Paratransit partnership with Central Contra Costa Transit Authority's provider went well. In May, County Connection and LAVTA will have a couple Board Members attend a meeting to discuss metrics and how we measure performance of the new partnership.

Executive Director Michael Tree announced that LAVTA is to receive \$4.3 million dollars for Rapid bus stop improvements and highlighted the earmarks and reauthorization bill.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with the Executive Director. Chair Bob Woerner requested Executive Director Michael Tree to inform the Board if the hydrogen project is on Congressman Swalwell's preliminary list for earmarks. Executive Director Michael Tree informed that he did not hear from Alameda CTC on the earmarks and agreed to provide available information to the Board of Directors.

This was informational only.

## **5. LAVTA's Transit Signal Priority Upgrade Project**

Staff provided the Board of Directors a PowerPoint presentation on the Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Upgrade Project. The presentation gave an update and overview of what TSP is, benefits of GPS technology, and upgrading and expanding LAVTA's TSP System. In 2017, LAVTA secured \$1.14 million and added/upgraded TSP equipment at 67 intersections and updated the on-board equipment on 24 Rapid buses. LAVTA also deployed new Central Management Software that provides real-time operations and monitoring data for staff. Staff informed that the immediate impacts of the system were not easy to detect in 2020, due to low traffic congestion. LAVTA knows as that as traffic returns we will accrue more benefit to the system.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Director Kiick requested that LAVTA advertise the upgrade and that we are improving our system, since the public would be less likely to miss their connections. Chair Bob Woerner requested staff to send technical information on how TSP works. Staff informed they will send information.

This was informational only.

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

Director Brittini Kiick asked for an update via email on when the Clipper Card will be rolled out on iOS and Android.

## **9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: June 7, 2021**

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.