

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Alternate Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

DATE: April 5, 2021

Action Requested

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to become the alternate for the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Background/Discussion

Staff received the attached letter in 2017 from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority requesting the appointment of one board member to the Policy Advisory Committee for Innovate 680. The Innovate 680 is a program of projects that promotes an integrated approach to redefining mobility and addressing the increasing congestion on I-680 through seven key strategies that range from HOV lanes to deploying a suite of technologies to improve traffic flow.

At the Board of Directors meeting on March 1, 2021, Melissa Hernandez was appointed to serve on the Innovate I-680 Policy Advisory Committee. The Innovate I-680 Policy Advisory Committee is requesting a second LAVTA Board Member to become an alternate.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Recommendation

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to become the alternate for the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Attachments:

1. Staff Report on March 1, 2021
2. Draft Minutes to March 1, 2021 Board Meeting

Submitted: _____

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

DATE: March 1, 2021

Action Requested

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Background/Discussion

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At its October 2017 meeting, Contra Costa Transportation Authority programmed \$40 million in Measure J funds to begin project development work on the four projects that constitute Innovate 680. The Policy Advisory Committee will meet quarterly to ensure close coordination and help guide the overall program of projects.

In January 2018, LAVTA Board of Directors appointed then Councilmember Karla Brown to serve as the LAVTA representative on the Policy Advisory Committee for I-680. She has since been elected Mayor of Pleasanton and has requested LAVTA to appoint a new Board Member to the Policy Advisory Committee for I-680. Mayor Melissa Hernandez was elected in 2020 to be LAVTA's alternate on this Committee.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Recommendation

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Attachments:

1. Staff Report on January 8, 2018
2. Minutes to January 8, 2018 Meeting

Submitted: _____

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
S T A F F R E P O R T

SUBJECT: Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

DATE: January 8, 2018

Action Requested

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Background/Discussion

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Fiscal Impact

N/A

Recommendation

Staff recommendation is that the LAVTA Board appoint a board member to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Attachments:

1. Letter dated December 13, 2017 from Contra Costa Transportation Authority

Submitted: _____



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December 13, 2017

Michael S. Tree, Executive Director
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority
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Subject: Innovate 680 - Request for nominations for Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Tree:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) is requesting Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) to nominate one board member to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and one staff member to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Innovate 680. Innovate 680 is a program of projects that promotes an integrated approach to redefining mobility and addressing the increasing congestion on Interstate 680 (I-680) through seven key strategies that range from completing the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to deploying a suite of technologies to improve traffic flow.

Each jurisdiction along the corridor is proposed to be represented on the committees. The PAC will be made of elected officials while the TAC is proposed to be comprised of technical staff from the jurisdictions. In addition to local jurisdictions, it is also proposed the County Connection, Wheels, and BART each have a representative on both committees. The PAC and TAC will each have 10 to 11 members representing Martinez, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, San Ramon, Danville, County Connection, Wheels, and BART.

At its October 2017 meeting, the Authority programmed \$40 million in Measure J funds to begin project development work on the four projects that constitute Innovate 680. The PAC and the TAC will meet quarterly to ensure close coordination and help guide the overall program of projects.

Thank you for your assistance in advancing Innovate 680. If you have any questions, please contact me at 925-256-4735.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'THAILE'.

Timothy Haile, P.E.
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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2018 LAVTA BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Karla Brown at 4:01pm

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

David Haubert – Mayor, City of Dublin
 Don Biddle – Vice Mayor, City of Dublin
 Kathy Narum – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
 Karla Brown – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
 Steven Spedowfski – Councilmember, City of Livermore
 Bob Coomber – Councilmember, City of Livermore
 Scott Haggerty – Supervisor, County of Alameda

Members Absent

Jerry Pentin – Vice Mayor, City of Pleasanton

3. Meeting Open to Public

No Comments.

4. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. **Minutes of the December 4, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.**
- B. **Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2017**

The Board of Directors approved the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report.

Approved: Biddle/Haubert
 Aye: Biddle, Haubert, Narum, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski
 No: None
 Absent: Pentin

5. Appointment of LAVTA Board Member to Innovate 680

The Board of Directors appointed Karla Brown to the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.

Approved: Haubert/Spedowfski
 Aye: Biddle, Haubert, Narum, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski
 No: None
 Absent: Pentin

6. Appointment of LAVTA Board Members to SAV Steering Committee

The Board of Directors appointed Scott Haggerty and Don Biddle to serve on the SAV Steering Committee that will be comprised of two LAVTA Board Members and two CCCTA Board Members.

Approved: Haubert/Spedowfski

Aye: Biddle, Haubert, Narum, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski

No: None

Absent: Pentin

7. Submittal of TIRCP Grant Application

Councilmember Karla Brown asked for public comment on this agenda item.

Robert Allen addressed the Board of Directors acknowledging the proposed 34 million dollar parking garage facility to accommodate 398 cars. Mr. Allen commented that the Alameda County Transportation Commission estimated the cost of 3 million roughly 1/10th of the amount of the 34 million dollars to park 20% (500) more cars. Mr. Allen hopes that the Airway Park-N-Ride is expanded to 500 cars, as proposed by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

Mayor David Haubert thanked Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and Supervisor Haggerty for the creative solution for parking, but wants to be clear that the preferred alternative for the parking garage is the original BART plan. Mayor David Haubert stated that at the end of the day Dublin will have a parking garage that is adjacent to residential units in the transit center and they are thankful for that, but it is not the preferred alternative. Vice Mayor Don Biddle commented that the original BART plan had 540 spaces and this alternative would be somewhat smaller. Supervisor Scott Haggerty was uncertain of the original BART plan for parking spaces and asked Marianne Payne for clarification. Marianne Payne clarified that in September 2016 the BART General Manager provided a letter that stated the BART proposal was for 540 spaces. Supervisor Scott Haggerty explained that BART does not want to build the parking garage. Additionally, BART is actively lobbying in Sacramento to take away City rights for land use at BART stations.

The Board of Directors provided the Executive Director with signature authorization to approve and submit a TIRCP application to fund a parking garage adjacent to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Said parking garage will be planned, constructed, operated, maintained and owned by the County of Alameda.

Approved: Haggerty/Haubert

Aye: Biddle, Haubert, Narum, Brown, Coomber, Haggerty, Spedowfski

No: None

Absent: Pentin

8. Management Action Plan

Executive Director Michael Tree provided the Board of Directors the Management Action Plan. Executive Director Michael Tree highlighted that ridership and On-Time Performance (OTP) is up over last year, LAVTA is meeting all runs in the morning routes, a lot of the personnel issues are resolved, and there is a new Dublin shelter on a School Tripper Route. LAVTA received three proposals for the Operations and Maintenance procurement and interviews will take place soon. On the negative side Paratransit is really struggling with labor issues and OTP. During

LAVTA's Paratransit struggles the Customer Satisfaction Survey is being conducted and our struggles will be reflected in the Staff Report next month. LAVTA is working with MTM and subcontractors to resolve issues. The SAV agreement will be worked on by LAVTA and GoMentum Station over the next 3-4 weeks and will be brought to the Board in February.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty asked if the City of Livermore is in charge of the Historic Train Depot interior restoration. Executive Director Michael Tree stated that the City of Livermore is in charge of restoring the Historic Train Depot and that the only area LAVTA leased is where the dispatch and Customer Service will be. Supervisor Scott Haggerty would like an update from the City of Livermore regarding the interior of the Historic Train Depot. Councilmember Steven Spedowfski stated that LAVTA can request the City of Livermore to give a presentation on the Historic Train Depot plans and update.

9. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: February 5, 2018

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm

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
Brittini 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 Brittni 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 Brittni 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.