

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 2021

Ridership

Ridership continues to rebound on the fixed route system. The average weekday ridership increased from approximately 1,500 in July to approximately 3,500 in September. As forecasted, ridership began increasing in August due to the return of school trippers and continued through September, coinciding with the monthlong free fare promotion.

While capacity constraints are no longer in effect, we continue to struggle with an industry-wide driver shortage. As discussed with the Board in the previous meeting, in order to help cover the school trippers, frequencies on the Rapids were reduced back to 30 minutes all-day starting September 20. LAVTA continues to partner with our fixed route contractor MV Transportation to offer referral/retention/safety bonuses and tackle driver recruitment and retention.

The TSA mask mandate has been extended again through January 18, 2022.

Zero-Emission Bus Study

LAVTA and the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) staff presented an overview of The Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Transition Master Plan at the September Board of Directors meeting. A copy of the plan was provided to the board in preparation for discussions and approval at the September Project and Services Committee meeting. However, due to a scheduling conflict, this item will be moved to the October meeting.

Advocates Invite Supervisor Haubert on Bus Ride

On October 1st Supervisor Haubert joined a few members of Genesis, an advocacy group focusing on regional issues, to talk about the future of public transit. During the ride on the Rapid, the topics of discussion included commuting, air quality, the shared autonomous vehicle program and paratransit.



Atlantis Maintenance, Operations, and Administration (MOA) Facility

Since last month's meeting with the Project & Services Committee, staff has been working with Kimley-Horn and Associates on finalizing the details of Contract Task Order 5, which is completion of 60% design and the bridging documents (bid documents) for the project. The task order will be on the LAVTA October board meeting with a recommendation of approval from the P&S Committee.

Latest Award and Trophy Case

The Authority recently took delivery of a trophy case for LAVTA awards. Added to the case this month is the most recently award given to LAVTA, the prestigious Telly Award for the Authority's production of the video on the LAVTA shared autonomous vehicle program, which can be found at <u>https://www.wheelsbus.com/sav/</u>.





An update on the SAV program and other projects will be provided at the Board meeting.

Attachments: 1. FY22 Upcoming Items

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Finance & Administration Committee

October Minutes Treasurers Report Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)	Action X X X	Info
November Minutes Treasurers Report	Action X X	Info
December Minutes Treasurers Report *Typically December committee meetings are cancelled	Action X X	
January Minutes Treasurers Report Draft 2022 Legislative Program	Action X X X	Info
February Minutes Treasurers Report	Action X X	Info

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Projects & Services Committee

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January Minutes DAR Customer Satisfaction Survey	Action X	Info X
February Minutes	Action X	Info