

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Karla Brown at 4:00pm.

Board Chair Karla Brown 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
Karla Brown – City of Pleasanton
Kathy Narum – City of Pleasanton
Gina Bonanno – City of Livermore
David Haubert – County of Alameda

Members Absent

Brittini Kiick – City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

No comments.

4. January Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes

Chair Herb Hastings of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the January 12, 2022 TAAC Zoom teleconference meeting. Chair Herb Hastings informed that he now provides the TAAC a “Chair Report” at every meeting. Discussed at the TAAC meeting were the joint procurement with County Connection for Wheels Dial-A-Ride, Dial-A-Ride Customer Satisfaction Survey, PAPCO report, and service updates and concerns.

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.**
- B. Treasurer’s Report for December 2021**

The Board of Directors approved the December 2021 Treasurer’s Report.

- C. Adoption of a Resolution Declaring that Agency Meetings Will Continue to Be Held Via Teleconference**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 06-2022 declaring that LAVTA meetings will

continue to be held via teleconference.

D. Zero-Emission Bus Master Transition Plan

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 03-2022, authorizing staff to proceed with the development of the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan using the all fuel cell electric bus transition scenario.

E. 2022 Legislative Program

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 04-2022 affirming LAVTA's 2022 Legislative Program.

F. Contract Award for LAVTA On-Call Engineering Consulting Services

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 05-2022, authorizing the Executive Director to execute three-year contracts with two one-year options with Bureau Veritas North America Inc., Gannett Fleming Inc., and Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for on-call engineering consulting services. Task orders will be awarded based on the most-qualified firm for each scope or work.

Chair Karla Brown opened public comment on Consent Agenda Item 5.

Steven Dunbar provided written public comment on Consent Agenda Item 5E by email regarding LAVTA's Legislative Priorities. The public comment was distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting and posted online.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff. Director Gina Bonanno noted that the public comment received from Steven Dunbar had some quality input with helpful suggestions and asked staff to possibly incorporate some of them.

Approved: Josey/Haubert

Aye: Bonanno, Brown, Josey, Haubert, Narum, Hernandez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kiick

6. I-680 Corridor Projects

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that at the encouragement of CalSTA, LAVTA is working with Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) on a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant application that is due at the beginning of March 2022 for six I-680 Express Buses (hydrogen fuel cell), two hydrogen fueling stations, and the inclusion of a new maintenance facility for LAVTA. It was noted that the grant application will also include other components like mobility hubs along the I-680 corridor to assist with first and last mile transportation and a hydrogen plant project overseen by the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.

The Board of Directors discussed this agenda item with staff.

This was informational only.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michael Tree highlighted the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget and the difficult labor market. LAVTA will likely make recommendations to the Board in regard to operator wages to be competitive. LAVTA is figuring out how to plan for the increases in fuel prices and then how to implement into the budget, so this will also be a main discussion point. LAVTA is hopeful for funding through state and federal grants for Zero-Emission bus technology, but the matches will have an impact on our budget.

Director of Planning and Marketing Tony McCaulay reported to the Board of Directors on the progress of the Memorial Madden Cruiser. LAVTA was able to obtain an image of John Madden at no cost from the Los Angeles Raiders with no time limit of usage and Lamar Advertising waived their fees for the wrap design. Staff provided the bus wrap image to the Board of Directors during the meeting. LAVTA plans to alternate the Memorial Madden Cruiser on all routes, so each city has a chance to view and ride it. Vice Chair David Haubert suggested LAVTA contact A/C Transit to inform them of how we honored John Madden and provide them a point of contact in case they would like to do something similar. If the bus wrap is completed prior to Monday LAVTA hopes to have this bus at the Oakland Colosseum for John Madden's celebration of life event on Monday, February 14, 2022. Director Bonanno requested that LAVTA communicate event information to the Madden family members and would like an event, if the bus is not finished prior to Monday. Staff did reach out to a Madden family member, but has not heard back and will continue to try.

Executive Director Michael Tree reported that the Atlantis Operations and Maintenance facility 60% design is being worked on, so it can be a design build project and be in a position to be a Request for Proposal (RFP). The Board will receive an update in the near future on this project.

Executive Director Michael Tree informed that Phase II of the Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) project is probably 18-24 months out before it starts again. Phase II will have a faster vehicle that will make the service competitive. In the meantime, LAVTA is looking at other options. LAVTA could have an intermediate phase where we are working with other companies to provide passenger service with the SAV to build a customer base for Phase II. Currently, LAVTA is analyzing different business plans to this effect.

Executive Director Michael Tree noted that the Paratransit proposals are due in early April 2022 and the customer service surveys will be presented at the next Projects and Services Committee meeting.

Chair Karla Brown asked about the 11% decrease in ridership and wanted to know what contributed to this. Executive Director Michael Tree believes the decrease is, due to the Omicron variant and employers requesting employees to work from home again.

Chair Karla Brown opened public comment on Agenda Item 7.

Herb Hastings provided public comment and requested the current status of the SAV project be provided at the next Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee meeting.

8. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

9. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: March 7, 2022

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.