

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

February 2022

# Ridership

Thus far in February, ridership has started trending in an upward direction and is now very similar to where we stood prior to the Omicron variant impact in mid-December. We are currently at about 3,400-3,500 on weekdays when school is in session. By comparison, average weekday ridership in January 2022 was approximately 3,200 per day on days when schools were in session. Our current figures are still just under half of our last month of pre-COVID impacted ridership in February 2020.

### Memorial Madden Cruiser

The installation of the "Memorial Madden Cruiser" wrap was completed on Saturday February 12, just in time to participate in the "One More Monday Night in Oakland: A Celebration of John Madden" event on Monday February 14 at the Oakland Coliseum. Our bus was parked next to the original Madden Cruiser at the entrance to the event. As can be seen in the photos below, the vehicle was extremely popular with Raider Nation, even more popular for photos than the original cruiser. The vehicle was also used as a backdrop for live reports by multiple San Francisco TV stations. The bus was also seen on news coverage of the event on almost all local stations, appeared in area newspaper coverage and was part of AP's coverage of the event, which was picked up nationwide. The bus is now operating in regular service and will be rotated among routes so that residents throughout our service area can see the tribute. The bus will also appear in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 12



#### **Atlantis Project**

The development of bridging documents and 60% design plans are well underway. Staff plans to sub the 30% design plans and bridging documents for the City's Planning application early next month. The next steps for the project include implementation of hydrogen fueling services and design and working with the City to address Planning comments and revisions for 100% completion of bridging documents anticipated later in 2022. Kimley-Horn will provide more details at the March board meeting.

### **Update on Paratransit RFP**

The joint paratransit RFP with County Connection was released on January 13. Proposals are due on April 6. LAVTA and CCCTA staff is currently working on the series of questions submitted by the proposers. Staff will provide a comprehensive update and seek board approval for a contract award at the May meeting.

### **ZEB Master Plan**

The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) is currently working on the CARB Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rollout Plan. LAVTA and CTE staff will provide an overview of the Rollout Plan and seek approval at the March Projects and Services Committee meeting.

### **SAV Update**

With the vehicles anticipated to be used for Phase 2 not being available until 2024, staff is currently working with multiple vendors in planning, designing, and potentially implementing an intermediary phase. Staff will provide a more complete update once some of the key logistics are worked out and the cost is finalized.

# **Dublin Parking Garage Update**

Alameda County General Services Agency serves as the lead agency on this state-funded project sponsored by LAVTA. County staff states the approval of the design-build contract award is expected to go before the Alameda County Board of Supervisors March 15. If approved, it is expected that final design would take about six months with construction completed in late 2023.