

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2022

Ridership

Our average weekday ridership thus far in March is about 3 percent higher than February's numbers. That increase is likely the result of multiple factors, including employees returning to in-person work and increasing fuel prices. February 2022's final average weekday ridership was 3,328, which is just under half of our pre-pandemic average weekday ridership of 7,087 in February 2020.

Atlantis Operations and Maintenance Facilities

The development of bridging documents and 60% design plans are well underway. Kimley-Horn will be presenting an update on the project at the April Board meeting, including submittal of 30% design to the City of Livermore for review.

Update on Paratransit Request for Proposals

The joint paratransit RFP with County Connection was released on January 13th. Proposals are due on April 6th. Staff will provide a comprehensive update and seek Board approval for a contract award at the May meeting.

Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan

Per State regulations, LAVTA has prepared the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan that is a guide for the agency in the implementation of Zero-Emission fleets. The plan will be on this month's P&S Committee agenda. LAVTA recently submitted a grant application through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for the procurement of LAVTA's planned maintenance facility with the ability to maintain hydrogen buses, as well as a new hydrogen fueling station to be located adjacent to the maintenance facility. Staff is currently working on additional grant applications for funding to purchase the first 12 hydrogen buses.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Staff is currently conducting the annual review of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and making updates to ensure all current agency safety standards are met. With the recent passing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, there are a few new requirements applying to transit agencies PTASP. Staff will incorporate any changes necessary to ensure complete compliance with the new guidance and will bring an updated iteration to the Board for approval in the coming months.

Dublin Parking Garage Update

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved on March 22nd the design-build contract with McCarthy Construction for the design and construction of the Dublin Parking Garage. The final design will take approximately 6 months and construction is planned for completion in late 2023.

FY 2023 Budget

Staff is working through the final details of the draft FY 2023 budget. It is anticipated that this draft budget will be on the April F&A Committee agenda for review and consideration.

Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC) Strategic Expenditure Plan Update

The TVTC Strategic Expenditure Plan Subcommittee met on Wednesday March 23rd. Among the items on the agenda was a discussion of the TVTC 10-year Preliminary Funding Plan. The original Preliminary Funding Plan did not include any funding for LAVTA. Thanks to the efforts of LAVTA Board members Jean Josey and Brittni Kiick, who serve on the Subcommittee, LAVTA is now included in the recommendation that is being forwarded to the full TVTC Board. The recommendation is for \$800,000 to be used for transit improvements associated with the Dublin Boulevard Extension Project. The TVTC Board is scheduled to vote on the funding plan at their April 18th meeting.