

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: March 7, 2016
PLACE: Diana Lauterbach Room LAVTA Offices
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore CA
TIME: 4:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Don Biddle at 4:00 pm

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Jerry Pentin – Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Laureen Turner – Councilmember, City of Livermore

3. Meeting Open to Public

Susan Milne

Susan Milne requested that LAVTA continue to operate the Rapid and 12 bus routes. Ms. Milne would like to see the weekend schedule changed and have a bus stop every half hour versus every hour to two hours. She is a low income customer with a disability that uses LAVTA's system seven days a week utilizing the RTC Clipper Card. Overall she feels that LAVTA has a great service. Karla Brown addressed Ms. Milne clarifying that Route 12 will be covered by the Rapid in our COA and will have frequent service every 15 minutes.

Robert S. Allen

Robert Allen discussed the need to operate 3 buses with 15-minute all day bus service to and from the Airway Park-and-Ride lot and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Mr. Allen explained that the Livermore City Council said it would be too successful and it would threaten the possibility of getting the BART extension to Livermore. Mr. Allen feels it would provide something for the next 10 years and serve Livermore by building up the patronage. Don Biddle explained to Mr. Allen that the Altamont Regional Rail Advisory Group was formed and will address issues pertaining to the BART extension to Livermore. Mr. Allen also requested that his

request be considered for the COA revisions (Agenda Item 5).

Carmen Rivera Hendrickson

Carmen Rivera Hendrickson addressed the Board regarding item 5 on the agenda. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson is concerned that changing the routes will effect clients that use Dial-A-Ride and that use the fixed route system. She is especially concerned about Route 3 being deleted, since this route services the community center. She feels that Dial-A-Ride fare is going to affect many people within the community. Ms. Rivera Hendrickson requested that route numbers stay the same, since many people within the community have disabilities. Don Biddle addressed Ms. Rivera Hendrickson that these items should be brought to the Public Hearing.

4. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2016

The Board of Directors approved the January 2016 Treasurer's Report.

C. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Appointing Director and Alternate to the California Transit Indemnity Pool (CalTIP)

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 06-2016 in support of revising the positions appointed to CalTIP Director and Alternate.

Approved: Haggerty/Brown

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

No: None

Absent: Pentin, Turner

5. Comprehensive Operations Analysis – Preferred Alternative

Staff presented the revised Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) preferred alternative to the Board of Directors based on feedback provided in January and February. The Board of Directors were provided a map of the existing service, preferred alternative, and peak frequency.

Thomas Wittmann from Nelson Nygaard presented a PowerPoint regarding the revised COA preferred alternative and answered Committee questions. Mr. Wittman explained that Route 12 will be removed and the Rapid will serve this area with more frequent service. David Haubert requested that this is made clear to the public, so they understand the changes.

Mr. Wittmann introduced 580X a new route operating bi-directional peak-only non-stop service weekdays between Livermore Transit Center and BART. Route 580X will operate every 30 minutes during the peak periods on Weekdays and will be timed to meet BART trains, utilizing the HOT lanes on I-580. Resources from Route 70XV were reallocated to the new Route 580X.

The peak service levels were adjusted on Route 3 from 20 minutes to 45 minutes in Pleasanton

to reflect ridership potential. Route 3 will provide service to Stoneridge Mall, medical facilities, BART, and connect with the Rapid at E. Dublin/Pleasanton BART to allow access to Los Positas College.

Additional trips were added from East Dublin to Dublin High by adding a 3rd route, due to being over capacity. Currently preliminary options are being reviewed to figure out what it would look like.

LAVTA looked into a FLEX Service (agency operated zone service) where a phone application is used to reserve trips with two project areas (West Dublin and East Dublin). The service would pick-up/drop-off at an existing bus stop to improve efficiency. LAVTA would assign two vehicles to reduce passenger wait times for this service option. FLEX service is slightly more productive than a fixed-route bus, but has nearly the same operating costs as fixed-route. Another option is a Transportation Network Company (TNC) Service that is a partnership with private companies that will utilize real-time, dynamic ridesharing in two project areas (West Dublin and East Dublin). The Projects and Services Committee liked the fixed cost model that was presented, so the passenger knows what they will pay (fixed cost) and LAVTA would absorb the variable cost. LAVTA has been in discussion with ACTC regarding grants for this project. LAVTA would need permission from ACTC and FTA first for this ridership project. Karla Brown has concerns about a flexible cost to the customer and prefers a fixed cost. Ms. Brown also wanted to know if a tip would be expected using Uber/Lyft services and how that would be handled. LAVTA staff spoke to these companies and their phone application can be set up to give a tip prompt to the customer at their expense. Scott Haggerty does not support using an outside company for ride services, due to too many liabilities. Mr. Haggerty requested LAVTA to be in discussion with CCTA regarding driverless vehicles. Karla Brown enquired if Uber/Lyft could use LAVTA approved drivers. Michael Tree has initiated discussions with both legal counsel and CalTIP on the topic of liability. It can be mitigated by a formalized agreement that would set minimum background check and drug testing standards, as well as minimum insurance levels. Flex and TNC Service will be brought back to the Board for further discussion. Mr. Haggerty requested to see only the deleted routes on a map and staff responded that they will provide one.

The Board of Directors approved opening the public comment period from March 7 – April 8, 2016 and set the public hearing date for April 4, 2016 for the COA Preferred Alternative.

Approved: Haggerty/Spedowfski

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

No: None

Absent: Pentin, Turner

6. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report provided information on Ridership Increases, Altamont Regional Rail Working Group, Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Wheels Rebranding Study, and 2015 MTC TDA Triennial Performance Audit. Michael Tree noted that the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Advisory Group had their inaugural meeting and changed the group name to Altamont Regional Rail Working Group. LAVTA is currently planning the next Altamont Regional Rail Working Group meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Don Biddle and Steven Spedowfski thought that the first Altamont Regional Rail Working Group meeting was excellent and well executed for a first meeting.

7. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

8. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: April 4, 2016

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm