

## STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Staff Updates

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### Action Required

This is an informational item.

### Background

Staff is updating the committee on the following items:

- 5310 Grant Application
- Wheels Fixed Route upcoming service changes
- Para-Taxi program change
- Go Tri-Valley program change

### Discussion

#### 5310 Grant Application

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportions funding annually to rural and urbanized areas nationwide for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, known as Section 5310. Funds support a wide range of project activities, and the application process is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Changes resulting from the 2020 Census mean that FTA now apportions some 5310 funds directly to LAVTA's service area for eligible projects and recipients, including public transit providers, social service agencies, and private non-profits. LAVTA staff is evaluating the feasibility of applying for Section 5310 funds to augment support for existing agency priorities, including the One Seat Ride and Wheels Access Mobility Management programs, currently funded in part by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Further information will be provided at your July 30 meeting and/or the LAVTA Finance & Administration Committee as may be appropriate.

Applications for two years of funding (Federal Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025) are due to Caltrans September 3.

#### Wheels Fixed Route upcoming service changes

LAVTA will implement service changes beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The weekday schedules will be adjusted to better align with the updated BART Blue Line schedule, enhancing transfer opportunities for riders. As part of this change, Routes 3A and 3B will be discontinued due to low ridership, and the weekday service span on Route 3 will be shortened. These adjustments reflect our continued efforts to provide efficient and responsive service.

#### Para-Taxi

At their July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting LAVTA Board of Directors approved changing the Para-Taxi reimbursement request period from 90 days to 30 days from the ride taken. Previously, TAAC had recommended to the Board going from 90 days to 60 days at their May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; however, the Projects and Services Committee recommendation to the Board at their meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> was going from 90 days to 30 days since the vast majority of participants submit their reimbursement requests within 30 days already and PEX debit card is also a viable (and preferred) option for receiving Para-Taxi discount. This change will go into effect on September 1, 2025.

#### Go Tri-Valley

Go Tri-Valley program pays half a fare, up to \$5.00, for up to 10 rideshare trips on Uber and Lyft each month that start and end in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. Since the Go Tri-Valley ridership is outpacing available funding, LAVTA Board of Directors approved reducing the subsidy from 50% of the fare up to \$5 maximum to 50% of the fare up to \$4 maximum at their July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This change will go into effect on August 1, 2025.

#### **Recommendation**

This is an informational item.