

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Route 501 – Final Service Recommendation

FROM: Michael Tobin, Director of Operations & Planning

DATE: November 24, 2025

Action Requested

Request that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 31-2025, authorizing a permanent reduction in Route 501 service.

Background and Discussion

Dublin High School has historically been served by supplemental school routes 501–504. Route 501 specifically serves the Positano, Silvera Ranch, and Dublin Ranch neighborhoods. In August 2024, Emerald High School opened, and students began transitioning from Dublin High School to the new campus. To support this transition, LAVTA introduced Route 201, a dedicated service for Emerald High School students in the Positano and Dublin Ranch neighborhoods.

The Dublin Unified School District projects Emerald High School enrollment to reach 1,765 students in the 2025/26 school year. As a result of this shift, ridership on Route 501 has declined by 62% year-over-year. In anticipation of these reductions in demand, staff correspondingly reduced the number of buses assigned to Route 501 from five to two beginning with the start of the 2025/26 school year on August 12, 2025. Additionally, staff removed the late afternoon trip that operated at 4:25pm due to low ridership in FY25 and FY24; the late trip was put into place in 2023 due to excessive loads on Route 501.

LAVTA's Title VI and Major Service Change Policy mandates that a public hearing be held if there is a twenty-five percent (25%) or more reduction of the number of daily transit revenue vehicles of a route; i.e., the total number of miles operated by all vehicles in revenue service for a particular day of the week on an individual route.

In accordance with the Title VI policy, the reduction in vehicles from 5 to 2 buses on Route 501 necessitated a public comment period and a public hearing, which was held on November 3. No public comments were received during the public hearing and no comments were submitted during the public comment period.

Recommendation

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 31-2025, authorizing the permanent reduction in Route 501 service.

Attachments

1. Resolution 31-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FORMALIZE A PERMANENT REDUCTION IN
ROUTE 501 SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Dublin High School has historically been served by supplemental school routes 501–504, with Route 501 specifically serving the Positano, Silvera Ranch, and Dublin Ranch neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, Emerald High School opened to Juniors living in East Dublin, further reducing the number of students traveling to Dublin High School from East Dublin; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this shift, ridership on Route 501 has declined by 62% year-over-year; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of these reductions in demand, staff correspondingly reduced the number of buses assigned to Route 501 from five to two beginning with the start of the 2025/26 school year on August 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board opened the public comment period on October 6, 2025 and held a public hearing on November 3, 2025 in order to receive public comments about the service reduction on Route 501; and

WHEREAS, no public comments were received about the service reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the Board authorizes the formalization of the service reduction on Route 501.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

Julie Testa, Chair

ATTEST

Christy Wegener, Executive Director