



**HERITAGE VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HVTAC)**
Ventura County Public Works Agency
Saticoy Operations Yard
11251-A Riverbank Drive
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Rowlands, City of Fillmore (Vice Chair)
David Fleisch, County of Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ilasin, City of Santa Paula

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Martin Erickson, Public Transit Director
Aaron Bonfilio, Program Manager – Transit Services
Heather Miller, Transit Planner
Jeni Eddington, Transit Specialist

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rowlands called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Item 6 was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the next HVTAC meeting.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION

Fleish moved, seconded by Rowlands, and passed 2/0 that the Committee approve the June 5, 2017 meeting minutes.

ITEM 6 YEAR-END SERVICE INDICATORS REPORT

This item was not discussed.

ITEM 7 OUTREACH REPORT REGARDING FARE INCREASE

Mr. Bonfilio and Mr. Erickson, VCTC, updated the Committee on the outreach report regarding fare increase including the following:

- 1) The City of Santa Paula's recommendation to limit fare increases to student fares from 60-cents to \$1.00,
- 2) The City of Fillmore's concern with raising fares at this time and support for a raise in student fares from 6-cents to \$1.00 and,

- 3) The Santa Paula City Council agreeing to use Measure T funds to subsidize the service farebox shortfall provided that the current fare structure remains in effect.

Discussion

The Committee discussed 1) the City of Fillmore's support for a student fare increase provided that the City of Santa Paula will be subsidizing the farebox; 2) the overhead expenses associated with fare increases; 3) the benefit of fare consistency with other local transit operators countywide; 4) the County's position that the fare structure remain as it is for now as long as the 10% farebox requirement is being met by the City of Santa Paula's Measure T fund contribution, and 5) that should fares be raised in the future, it not be limited to student fares.

ACTION

Fleisch moved, seconded by Rowlands, and passed 2/0 that the Committee support no change to the fare structure at this time.

Ms. Kate English, One Step A La Vez, commented that she is not in favor of a fare increase, particularly due to her concerns for the negative impact it would have on students.

ITEM 8 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES WITH MV TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Bonfilio updated the Committee on recent changes in California state minimum wage law and the State of California Sick Leave Act as well as the implementation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement, which support an amendment to their contract agreement.

Mr. Bonfilio outlined the cost to be incurred by each member agency.

ITEM 9 DETERMINE THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next tentatively scheduled meeting of the Heritage Valley Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. The location is to be determined.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.