

To: Operations and Scheduling Committee

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SUBJECT: Partnership with LAVTA to Extend TNC Program to Southwest San Ramon

Background:

Last month, County Connection implemented a large service restructure which modified most of the routes in the system. These changes included eliminating Route 36, which served western San Ramon including the Crow Canyon Rd. area west of I-680, San Ramon Valley Blvd., Alcosta, Fircrest, and Village Parkway in Dublin. As part of this service change, Route 35 extended select trips to serve the Crow Canyon area, as this was the source of much of the ridership for Route 36.

As part of the outreach for this change, staff attended meetings with the local community and City of San Ramon staff to discuss alternatives, which included a potential of partnering with LAVTA for an on-demand service.

GoDublin:

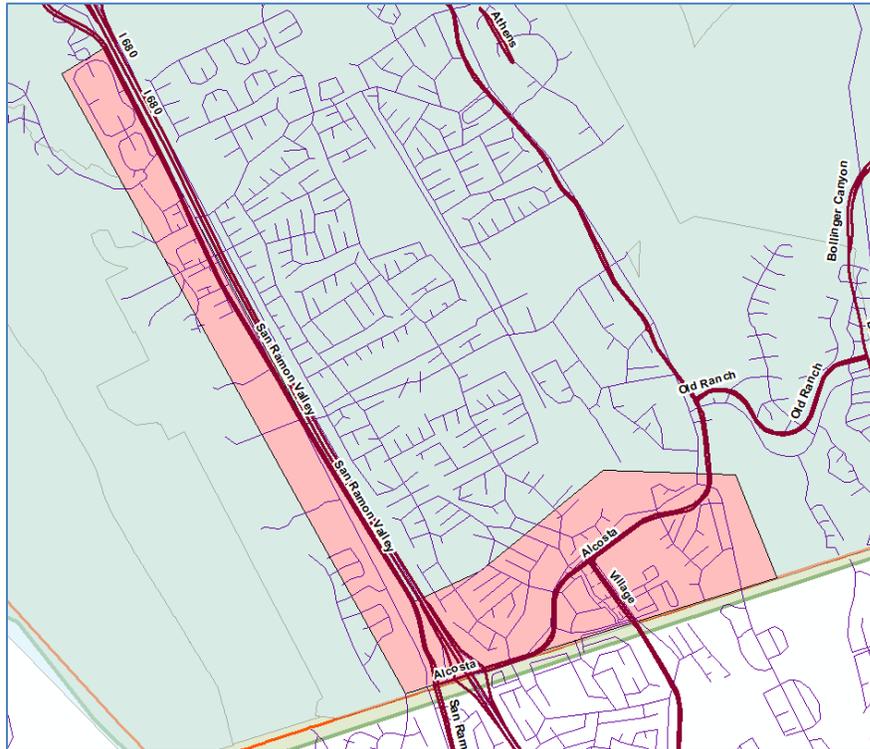
GoDublin is a pilot program that is managed by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), which used to operate Wheels Route 3 that served west Dublin. LAVTA eliminated the route due to low ridership, and partnered with Lyft, Uber, and DeSoto Cab to provide a subsidized option for former Route 3 riders. LAVTA has found that this has been more cost effective than the fixed route service it replaced.



The service works by using a promotional code with each TNC's smartphone app, which pays for half of a fare (up to \$5) that originates or terminates within the City of Dublin boundaries set up by LAVTA. Accessible taxis are available through DeSoto Cab, which has several vehicles outfitted with wheelchair lifts.

Partnership:

County Connection has reached out to LAVTA and presented draft boundaries for the geographic location for the pilot, or ‘geofence’. This geofence extends north along the Alameda-Contra Costa County border, following the Alcosta and San Ramon Valley corridors formerly served by Route 36. The draft service area is highlighted in rose in the map below.



As part of this partnership, LAVTA would continue to manage the program, while adding the area shown above. LAVTA would then bill County Connection for passenger subsidies within this new geofence. Staff will continue to work with LAVTA and legal counsel to develop appropriate agreement for a one-year pilot.

Recommendation:

None at this time. This item is informational only.

Financial Implications:

County Connection intends to discuss costs with LAVTA to develop a budget in the near future.