

**Summary Minutes  
Operations & Scheduling Committee  
Supervisor Andersen Office  
3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, CA  
Friday, March 1, 2019, 8:15 a.m.**

**Directors:** Dave Hudson, Robert Storer, Keith Haydon

**Staff:** Bill Churchill, Sean Hedgpeth

**Public:** None

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:17 a.m. by Director Storer.

**1. Approval of Agenda Items:** Agenda was approved.

**2. Public Comment and/or Communication:**

None.

**3. Approval of O&S Summary Minutes for February 1, 2019:** Minutes were approved.

**4. LCTOP Funded 99X and 316 Trips**

Mr. Hedgpeth summarized the background of the launch of the 99X route and then shared ridership information, which is slow to pick up with only about 33 passengers a day since the route launched in August 2018. He then stated that the 511 Contra Costa funded free fare promotion for the route has nearly doubled ridership in preliminary February ridership numbers. Director Haydon asked how long it typically takes for a route to get established. Mr. Churchill replied that it can depend on the route, with some new routes picking up good ridership on day one and others requiring a year or more to build ridership. Mr. Hedgpeth then added that we are also realizing some operation efficiencies when the early bird buses come back from Oakland to be redeployed in other routes in the Orinda area.

**5. Early Bird Express**

Mr. Churchill provided a verbal update to the committee concerning the recent launch of early bird BART express routes 712, and 715, which provide bus service for former BART passengers in the 4-5am hour. He mentioned that over 70% of the demand is going to AC transit direct to San Francisco service. Between the two routes, about 28 passengers a day use the routes since the start of service on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Churchill then stated that BART is pausing to see how the ridership settles out and they may suggest modifications to the service in the future.

**6. Monthly Reports**

Staff reported on the fixed route statistics.

## **7. Committee Comments**

Director Storer asked that staff provide a list of transit acronyms to the board. Director Hudson asked about where the drivers are coming from and if there were any plans to include new affordable housing for drivers as part of regional housing goals. He also mentioned that there is over \$100 million in unused BAAQMD funds that could be used for electrification infrastructure. He mentioned the world's largest electric vehicle symposium will occur in Portland, OR in 2020. Director Hudson then mentioned that there could be a possibility to store a few buses at the San Ramon Police and Fire Station off Crow Canyon Rd. Mr. Churchill then replied that County Connection has been interested in the prospect of a southern base for decades.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Churchill mentioned that staff will bring a new item next month that concerns an old plan to expand parking at the upper lot of County Connection's division which would also install a public bus stop near the front desk lobby staffed by customer service.

**9. Next Scheduled Meeting** – April 5, 2019 at 8:15am, at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**10. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Sean Hedgpeth, Manager of Planning