

# County Connection

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## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Candace Andersen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Dessayer, Haydon, Hudson, Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth. Director Schroder was absent. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting started.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Cheung, Churchill, Glenn, Hill, Horta, Kamara, Martinez, McCarthy, Reeb, Rettig and Steckham

#### Public Comment:

##### Presentation of CoCoTax award to County Connection

Jack Weir, former County Connection Board member and current member of the CoCoTax presented County Connection with a Silver Award for Good Governance. Director Hoffmeister arrived at 9:06 a.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Hudson moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 24, 2019. Director Wilk seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Director Schroder

#### REPORT OF CHAIR: None

#### REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

##### Recognition of Employee with 20 Years of Service

Transit Operator-Maurice Mayberry

##### Recognition of Retired Employee

Maintenance Department-Pete Steckhahn

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

#### Status report on FASTER Bay Area Effort

General Manager Rick Ramacier informed the Board that there is a group led by the Bay Area Council, SPUR, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Facebook and Genentech, that is considering sponsoring a November 2020 ballot measure to raise \$100B for major public transportation projects that will benefit transit. The measure will cross nine counties and benefit a number of different transit agencies, and some potential projects include a second BART tube, a second Bay crossing and rail on the Dumbarton Bridge. He will keep the Board informed on this project as it proceeds.

#### Endorsement of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)

Director Dessayer stepped out of the meeting.

General Manager, Rick Ramacier gave a brief background stating that, CCTA has adopted a draft TEP to guide and direct additional local spending on a number of transportation projects, programs, and initiatives. The TEP includes a significant amount of funding for public transportation, including County Connection. The TEP would serve to provide great support for significant improvements to public transportation within the I-680 corridor and the adjacent communities. Adoption and implementation of the TEP will provide the opportunity for meaningful transit improvements for the residents of our service area. Thus, it is appropriate for County Connection to endorse the TEP.

MOTION: Director Tatzin moved adoption of Resolution No. 2020-10, endorsing the CCTA TEP. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye:	Directors Andersen, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Directors Dessayer and Schroder

#### 2019 Summer Youth Pass Update

Director Dessayer returned to the Board meeting.

Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Scheduling, gave a brief background to the Board. She explained that County Connection offers a discounted pass for youth to use over the summer. Prior to 2019, the pass was a 20-ride punch pass valid from June through August and was sold for \$15, which provided a discounted rate of \$0.75 per ride. This year, the punch card was replaced with a countywide Summer Youth Pass, which offered unlimited rides on County Connection, as well as on neighboring transit agencies Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT, from June through September. In previous years, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT have offered a similar program but it was limited to the two agencies.

A total of 506 passes were sold across the three agencies, with 67% of passes sold online. Online sales and associated revenues were allocated among the agencies based on mailing address location, whereas in-person sales were allocated to the agency where the transaction took place. Based on this allocation method, a total of 293 passes, or about 58% of all passes sold, were attributed to County Connection.

Of the passes that were sold and allocated to County Connection, each pass was used on County Connection's routes for about 24 rides. Based on the retail price of \$35 per pass, this averages to \$1.45 per ride. While this is higher than the discount that was provided with the punch pass, it is still a discount off the regular Clipper fare of \$2.00. Also, based on historic ridership and sales numbers, it is likely that most punch passes were not being completely used up.

Overall, the program is showing some improvements in sales numbers and as more information is available and analyzed, staff will report back.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION:** None

**Closed Session:**

The Board of Directors entered the Closed Session at 9:40 a.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)) – Keith Polee v. Central Contra Costa Transit Authority; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California Civil Case No. 4:18-cv-05405-DMR

Public Employee Performance Evaluation;  
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957  
Position: General Manager

**Open Session:**

**Report of Action(s) Taken During the Closed Session**

The Board of Directors returned to open session at 10:27 a.m. Chair Andersen stated that the Board reviewed the status of existing litigation and reviewed the General Manager's goals. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Andersen adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Assistant to the General Manager

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Date