

Summary Minutes
Marketing, Planning, and Legislative Committee
Thursday, June 4, 8:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was conducted as a teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Directors: Amy Worth, Keith Haydon, Rob Schroder
Staff: Rick Ramacier, Bill Churchill, Ruby Horta, Melody Reebbs
Public: Andy Smith

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Director Worth.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda.

2. Public Communication

None

3. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2020

The Committee approved the minutes.

4. HEROES Act

Mr. Ramacier informed the Committee that, in its current form, the HEROES Act would include \$15 billion for public transit, \$11 billion of which would go to the fourteen largest urbanized areas. Urbanized areas are a federal designation that do not necessarily line up with transit agency boundaries. The remaining \$4 billion would be distributed based on lost revenue. The bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate. However, the Senate will likely not pick it up and has been working on its own separate relief bill. The House has also been working on a transportation reauthorization bill.

5. Fall bid planning update

Ms. Horta provided an update on fixed-route service levels for fall, which staff is still in the process of evaluating. FTA has indicated that Title VI equity analyses would not be required for emergency service cuts and changes due to COVID-19, which provides staff with some flexibility. She said that staff is working closely with the other transit agencies in the region through the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Director Haydon asked about whether staff is working with schools on how they will reopen. Mr. Churchill said that staff has been in contact with most of the schools that County Connection serves and has informed them of potential challenges with being able to accommodate certain types of bell schedules. However, many schools are still uncertain about how they will reopen.

6. Committee Comments

Director Schroder asked how staff has been monitoring and responding to recent protests. Mr. Churchill responded that the jurisdictions have been in communication with staff about anticipated protests.

7. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Horta said that staff may be bringing an update on the Public Health and Safety Plan being developed by the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Melody Reeb, Manager of Planning