

County Connection

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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

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

Staff: Ramacier, Sherman, Cheung, Churchill, Hill, Horta, Kamara, Martinez, McCarthy, Mitchell and Reeb

Public in Attendance: Paul Carrero, Ron Allison, Tone Hayes and Camille Thompson

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Noack moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020; (b) Leased Tires and Related Services Contract; Resolution No. 2021-011 (c) Bus Advertising Contract Amendment; Resolution No. 2021-012. Director Hoffmeister seconded the motion, and it received the following vote of approval:

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

REPORT OF CHAIR: None

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

County Connection/LAVTA Coordination

Rick Ramacier informed the Board that he has been in talks with Michael Tree with LAVTA, on drafting up scopes of focus on potential efforts to increase coordination between County Connection and LAVTA. Paratransit staff at LAVTA and CCCTA are also in talks to consider whether combining our paratransit services would be cost effective for both agencies. As things develop, we will continue to inform the Board.

Update on Federal legislative activities

Rick Ramacier explained with the election coming up, we don't expect any updates or approvals of any transportation bills until after January of 2021. Staff will continue to stay on top of these potential bills and grants. We will report back as soon as we know more.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Operating & Scheduling Committee

Draft Service Restructuring Proposals

Rick Ramacier explained that County Connection’s TDA reserves would be depleted in FY 2023, service adjustments have been implemented since March and the most recent bids have incorporated varying levels of service reductions. However, these service adjustments have all been implemented as temporary measures in response to COVID-19, the need to support essential services, and an effort to maintain connectivity to BART. Staff has drafted service reduction scenarios with the goal of demonstrating three financial outcomes. The three service reduction scenarios include cuts totaling approximately \$3, \$5, and \$7 million. The scenarios prioritize essential services based on regional efforts to ensure these services are protected. In the event of an expedited recovery, staff would reassess the service proposals and adjust as needed.

Scenario 1 (\$3M) would include service reductions to Routes 4, 6, 7, 35, 92X, 95X, and 96X.

Scenario 2 (\$5M) includes Scenario 1 reductions in addition to eliminating Routes 91X, 315 and service level reductions on Routes 10, 15, 17, 20, 93X, 98X, and 99X.

Scenario 3 (\$7M) includes Scenario 1 and 2 in addition to the elimination of most Bishop Ranch service, Routes 92X, 93X, 95X, 96X and 97X.

All options retain school service assumptions of what County Connection typically operates during a normal school year.

MOTION: Director Hudson moved approval to conduct a public process on three service restructuring concepts in order to address potential funding shortfalls due to COVID-19. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Paratransit Report COVID-19 Update #5

Rashida Kamara, Manager of Accessible Services, explained that LINK has been working with the County Health department to streamline contact tracing protocols. Last month, the County Health department provided County Connection with an initial zoom training on their new contact tracing protocols. This protocol update is a direct result of how procedures continue to change in the transit industry to keep everyone safe and stop the spread of COVID-19. County Connection was first to receive this training and provided valuable feedback to the County Health department. The County Health department will incorporate our real-life scenarios in the training and will make it available via zoom for other transit agencies in the future. Some of those contact tracing protocols include; passengers or employees notifying County Connection of a positive status in a timely manner, notifying County Health department of a positive status, working with the County Health Department Investigation team to determine possible exposures, providing on-going training for staff and passengers on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, providing on-going training for County Connection management on the developments of the spread, how to contain a spread, and updated protocols and training the contractor on proper N95 mask fitting.

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Haydon adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date