

# County Connection

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## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 21, 2021

#### 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, Hudson, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Cheung, Churchill, Hill, Horta, Kamara, Martinez, McCarthy, Mitchell, Reebbs and Rettig

**Public Comment:** None

Director Hoffmeister arrived at 9:04 a.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Noack moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 17, 2020; (b) CCCTA Investment Policy-Quarterly Reporting Requirement; (c) Independent Accountant's Report on Federal Funding Allocation Data for Federal Transit Administration. Director Andersen 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:

Director Haydon welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2021.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

##### County Connection/LAVTA Coordination

Rick Ramacier informed the Board that he has been in talks with Michael Tree with LAVTA, to develop a demonstration project to increase coordination of paratransit services between County Connection and LAVTA. LAVTA is considering using CCCTA's contractor, Transdev to see if it be cost effective for both agencies. As things develop, we will continue to inform the Board.

##### COVID-19 Update

Rick Ramacier informed the Board that an outside OSHA testing team came to County Connection to review a possible outbreak in one department, but afterwards all twelve employees tested negative. We have been working with the County on vaccinations for the frontline workers. But as of right now, there is no information on when frontline transit operators will be eligible or given priority. After a brief discussion, Rick Ramacier stated that he will continue to update the Board.

## Update on the MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force

Rick Ramacier explained that the Blue Ribbon Task Force has two meetings scheduled for January 28 (small operators) and February 1, 2021 (large operators), to give an opportunity for the board members of transit operators to hear more about the task force and have their questions and concerns addressed. The BRTF has met a several times to analyze the possibilities of establishing a Regional Transit Network Manager, define equity principles, and explore ways to increase coordination among transit operators with or without new funding, including exploring interest in merging agencies, in the hopes of a better product and lower labor costs. Extensive board discussion ensued, regarding the need for effective local service, as well as regional service, the need to find new funding, and recognition of the substantial progress in regional coordination that has been achieved over the years.

**Public Comment:** Ian Griffiths representing Seamless Bay Area and Dave Sorrell, representing transportation at UC Berkeley both commended County Connection's work on developing solutions to alleviate congestion in the I-680 corridor. They appreciate the time and effort that County Connection staff is putting forth towards this project and hope that we continue to keep the passengers in mind when making decisions that will affect many people.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee**

#### Federal Legislation Update: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental and Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)

Rick Ramacier explained that this Act provides roughly \$14 billion for Covid-19 related relief to public transit. Through a unique mechanism in the bill, each Urbanized Area (UZA) can receive no more than 75% of the reported 2018 transit operating expenses in each UZA to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This is applied to the CARES Act and CRRSSAA funds combined. This is UZA specific, not transit operator specific. So, in the case of an UZA with more than one transit operator, not all transit operators may receive up to 75% before their UZA reaches that percentage.

In the Bay Area, we have 12 UZAs and 24 FTA transit grantees. Five Bay Area operators are not eligible for funding directly from CRRSAA. One of them is County Connection. However, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working on developing a method by which every Bay Area operator is provided additional funding to make up for documented lost revenues due to the pandemic. County Connection is likely to be provided additional funding of some unknown amount under this effort by MTC. How much will not likely be known until sometime in February at the earliest.

Staff will keep the Board up to date as this process unfolds. Staff was not counting on any additional federal Covid-19 relief funding beyond what we have received in the CARES Act relative to planning for the FY22 operating budget or relative to future fixed route services levels.

Directors Hudson and Storer left the meeting.

#### **Closed Session:**

The Board went into closed session at 10:49 a.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiator (pursuant to Government code Section 54957.6)

Employee Organizations:

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators

Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173, Machinists

Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors

#### **Open Session:**

The Board convened back in open session at 10:49 a.m.

Attorney Chun reported that as permitted by the Brown Act, the Board held a closed session to confer with its labor negotiator, Pat Glenn, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1605, Bus Operators, and the Memorandum of Understanding with Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173, Machinists. Both MOUs are scheduled to expire on January 31, 2022.

**MOTION:** Director Hoffmeister moved approval of the following with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1605, Bus Operators, and the Memorandum of Understanding with Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173, Machinists: (1) A 3% wage increase, effective February 1, 2021:and (2) the extension of the MOUs for an additional year to January 31, 2023, under the same terms and conditions, including the possibility of a 3% increase effective February 1, 2022. Director Andersen 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

**BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Chair Haydon thanked the staff for conducting a public hearing on proposed service changes in the City of Clayton, he thought they did a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Haydon adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by



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Date: February 8, 2021